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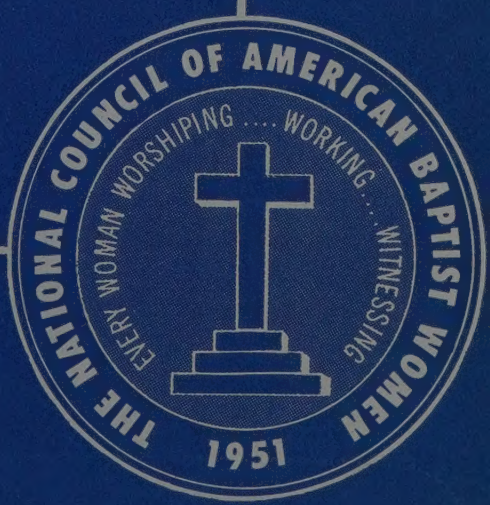

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A Dream Became a Reality!

Four hundred women from thirty-three states sat in almost breathless silence! The air seemed to be charged with an electric current! Enthusiasm, happiness, and anticipation were expressed on the faces of these women as they waited in Morehouse Hall for the president of the National Council of American Baptist Women to open the First National Women's Conference at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Another chapter was added to the history of the National Council of American Baptist Women on that evening of July 10, 1954. A dream became a reality!

During the week of July 10-17, at that First National Women's Conference, the women attended the Bible study sessions, workshops, and conferences. They worshiped and sang together. Challenging messages were given by Christian leaders. At the close of the conference, they went back to their societies determined to make use of new ideas and knowledge. Each one had experienced an inward growth. Each one saw what could be done through the American Baptist World Outreach. New doors that could be opened wide came into view. American Baptist women had ventured on a new path. It was not an ordinary path but one that provided "a closer walk with God."

The Sixth Anniversary!

The National Women's Conference has become a vital part of our training program. Now we are anticipating the Sixth Annual Conference, July 11-18, 1959, and are hoping that its program will meet the needs of all who attend.

What Is the Purpose of the Conference?

The purpose of the Conference is to:

Help leaders and potential leaders to grow in their spiritual life.

Train women to become more effective leaders by acquiring new ideas and information, and by developing skills and methods applicable to group procedure.

Challenge women to self-improvement and to recognition of their responsibilities as leaders.

Help women to develop more fully the "art of listening" and the "skill for doing."

Offer opportunities for discussing problems, for becoming acquainted with national officers and chairmen, and for becoming more familiar with the American Baptist World Outreach.

Provide Christian fellowship with women from all sections of our American Baptist Convention.

What Is the Program of the Conference?

Women who are potential leaders, those who have been newly elected to office, those who want more training in the work that they are doing, and business and professional women will find a full, well-planned program. The hours of each day must be utilized to the best advantage. The registrants should understand that the purpose of the conference is to *train* leaders. Therefore, the program will be compact.

The Bible study will be conducted by a professor from one of our seminaries. Workshops will be conducted by leaders who are authorities on the subjects to be covered. Those attending the conference should enter a workshop which offers the best help in connection with their type of leadership.

Afternoon conferences will be held by the national officers. Additional conferences during the afternoon will be those for the state, association, and local presidents, and for circle chairmen.

Newest releases from Baptist Films, pertaining to the current mission studies, "The Church's Mission in Town and Country," and "Africa," will be shown each day. There will be a Forum on "Woman's Responsibility in the Church," each evening except Friday.

Church school classes on Sunday will be followed by a morning worship service. In the evening a drama will be presented in the Vesper Circle.

Several missionaries will be on the grounds and available for use in our program.

Each new day will be enriched by our attendance at Morning Watch. In the evening, our steps will turn to the Vesper Circle, where the Vesper leader will direct our thoughts in moments of worship together.

THE Church and You

How do we relate ourselves to THE CHURCH? What does it mean to you? What is your responsibility? *You will find the answers* at the Sixth Annual Women's Conference which has for its theme: **"THE Church and You."**

To the Presidents

From: Frieda Roach (Mrs. Howard L. Roach)
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For the Presidents

I. Seek spiritual growth, sustenance, and sources of calm for your life by daily devotional reading. Deepen your prayer life, seeking direction and leading for the task to which you are committed. Too much depends on *you* to attempt this task alone. You will find your help and strength in dependence on God.

II. Consult with your vice-presidents in the scheduling of quarterly division meetings.

III. Work with the pastor and church committees in relating the work of the Woman's Society to the special denominational emphases for the year: such as, Baptist Jubilee Advance, Christian Higher Education Challenge (CHEC), and so forth.

IV. Keep up-to-date on denominational materials that you may be well informed. This includes *Missions, Crusader, Baptist Leader,* your state paper, and The American Baptist Woman.

V. Make provision for implementing the recommendations from the workshop, "Women's Work in the Church," held during the Lay Development Program in your church.

VI. Seek to bring out the untapped qualities of leadership in each member of your society. Good groups and parliamentary procedures help to accomplish this. Create a good working relationship, a permissive atmosphere in which each member feels comfortable and important. This is good democratic procedure to remember.

VII. Seek to establish a cooperative working relationship between your society and other Baptist women's groups, and also between your society and women's groups of other denominations.

President-Friends

The above emphases are those toward which we hope every president—local, association, and state—will strive in the year 1959-1960. It is well to set before us some goals in order that we may have a yardstick for measuring, at the end of the year, what we have achieved. Each of you will, no doubt, wish to add a few goals for yourselves.

At this time, if you are continuing in office, you will want also to re-study your Guide. This was printed on the President's page of The American Baptist Woman, Volume II, No. 2, March, 1958. Reviewing this page, which should, of course, be in your workbook, will remind you of your specific duties as president of a Woman's Society, and will cause you to check on how you have measured up to these duties.

If you are one of those honored women who has just been elected to this important office in your Woman's Society, you will find this Guide immeasurably helpful in orienting you to your job.

"Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord" (Romans 12:11 RSV) is a good theme verse for us to keep in mind in carrying to completion these emphases for the year.

We have possibilities for a wonderful year ahead. May it be one of prayer, of creative planning, and of purposeful action!

Around the World in Sixty Days

This is literally what happened to me after a sudden decision to accompany my husband on his latest business trip which would necessitate his being away from home over Thanksgiving and the Christmas season. There was no time to make a planned schedule of visits to the American Baptist mission fields. However, fortified with letters of instruction from our very helpful and cooperative secretaries in the office of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, telling us how to make contacts with the missionaries upon arrival, we set out on November 22 for the Orient. This was the most rewarding trip I have ever taken.

My inclination now is to share with you many of the impressions and the wonderful experiences that were ours, but this page is not for travelogues. Then, too, words in black and white cannot convey adequately what happened to me as I visited with our mission families and with national leaders in many places. But I do want to make a very limited report.

My first move when we arrived in a country was to contact the missionaries. How generous they were to give of their time to acquaint us with their work, and how gracious they were to entertain us in their homes! The days in Japan, Hong Kong, and Bangkok will stand out in my memory as long as I live. My faith in what has been done and is being done in these places, with our help as women and by those who represent us—our missionaries—was reconfirmed again and again. I wish there were space to mention by name all those who were so helpful and kind to us. Their radiant Christian spirit, their love of the work, their devotion to their

Lord and Saviour, their example and witness to their faith, are the qualities that endear them to those with whom they serve and to whom they minister. "The fields are already white for harvest," and they are seeing the fruits of their service.

Christmas in Assam was a glorious day in many ways. Out of this rich and rewarding experience may I convey some of my concern for those for whom we have assumed responsibility in places that are not nearly so far away as they once seemed. We have *so much* and they have *so little* in many cases. To show our concern for them we can add again and again some extra coins to our Love Gift in gratitude for God's abundant care for our needs. Should we ever be content with what we give until we have really given sacrificially—over and above?

Woman's Day

Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, June 4, 1959, is the date for the Annual Meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women. The annual business meeting will be held at the morning session which will begin promptly at 9:30 A. M. The third president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, and other officers and chairmen, will be elected and installed at that session. Miss Pearl Rosser, newly inaugurated president of the Baptist Missionary Training School for Girls will be the speaker.

The afternoon program will be in the nature of a Christian Higher Education Convocation to which the ministers and laymen are invited. The subject of the address by an outstanding Christian educator is "Education, for What?" A panel, including a minister, a layman, an educator, and a representative of youth, will discuss the subject "Freedom of Conscience versus Conformity." Sioux Falls choir will sing.

The program of the day is planned to highlight the first year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, with emphasis on "Mission to the Academic Community."

Luncheons on Woman's Day

Eight simultaneous luncheons will give opportunity for counterparts to meet in groups to share ideas and to discuss problems. The procedure for making a reservation for these luncheons, planned at near-by hotels, will be sent to each local society.

The morning session will close at 11:30 A. M. The luncheons are scheduled for twelve o'clock noon. They will end promptly at 2:00 P. M. The afternoon program will begin at 2:30 P. M. sharp and may continue to 5:00 P. M. All who attend the afternoon session should plan to remain until the program closes.

Women's Luncheon, Des Moines, Iowa

On Saturday, June 6, at the Convention in Des Moines, the American Baptist Men and the National Council of American Baptist Women will sponsor simultaneous luncheons. The luncheons at the 1958 Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, proved to be so successful that they are being repeated in Des Moines. Local presidents will receive information on the procedure for making reservations. Accommodations limit reservations. You will, therefore, want to make your reservation early.

Mrs. Emory Ross will be the speaker. Mrs. Ross, with her husband, spent several months in Africa, following her retirement from the staff of the United Church Women in 1958. Dr. and Mrs. Ross are the authors of *Africa Disturbed,* written for the 1959-1960 foreign mission study on "Africa."

National Women's Conference

The date: July 11-18, 1959
The Place: Green Lake, Wisconsin
The theme: "THE Church and You"

Two outstanding Christian leaders will be featured at this sixth national conference to which it is hoped that leaders in women's work will be sent. Vice-Presidents of Christian Training, chairmen of Leadership Training and chairmen of Spiritual Life will find the conference especially helpful to them. The national officers and chairmen will be present.

Dr. Robert Handy, on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, an American Baptist, will lead the conference in considering "The Nature of the Church." Miss Helen Turnbull, formerly an associate secretary of the department on the cooperation of men and women in the church and society, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, will lead the forum on "Women's Place in the Life of the Church." Miss Turnbull is the newly appointed director of leadership and field outreach for United Church Women.

National Laymen's Conference

The theme for the National Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 18-25, is "God's Plan—Man to Man." There is included in the program for this conference a work group for women. Miss Violet E. Rudd, administrative secretary of the National Council of American Baptist Women, leads this group.

May Fellowship Day, May 1, 1959

How much is enough? That is the question women in every section of our country will ask themselves when they meet to consider economic questions as they are related to the art of stewardship and to Christian values in the home, in the community, and in the world. If your community has not observed this day heretofore, you might be the instrument in God's hand to inaugurate such an observance.[1]

Congratulations to Mrs. Terrell

American Baptist Women congratulate Mrs. William Sale Terrell, of Connecticut, on her election as president of United Church Women. We are proud to have one of our number serve in this office, the highest that can come to a Protestant churchwoman. Let us support her with our prayers as she carries this great responsibility of leadership!

[1] Order packets now from the Department of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y. One or two packets, 50 cents each; three or more, 40 cents each.

To the First Vice-Presidents

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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For the First Vice-Presidents

I. Develop Personal Resources

Frequently we speak of emphases or goals. Definitely we know that emphases or goals are necessary for guidance in the use of our time and talents. We must watch, however, not to become so absorbed in our work that we neglect the development of our spiritual well-being. In a letter to the Corinthians, Paul made it very plain that he was ever careful to realize that in preaching to others he, too, might become a castaway.

There are many qualifications a good leader should possess. Let us consider two:

Confidence. One quality of leadership that we can never afford to minimize is the possession of confidence. It is a mark of one who has a partnership with God. To talk and to walk with God daily is an ever-present necessity. As first vice-presidents we need to pray and to read our Bibles every day, and we need particularly to spend some portion of each day in meditation with God.

Humility. Another important qualification for good leadership is humility. Humble people are really the happiest people because in their lives egotism plays such a minor role that they are neither falsely uplifted nor unnecessarily depressed by the words or deeds of others. People who possess this quality of humility are not blind to their own worth. In effect they say what John the Baptist expressed long ago: "He must increase, but I *must* decrease." Peter was the eloquent one at Pentecost but we recall that it was the humble Andrew who led Peter to Christ.

As first vice-presidents, let us realize that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

II. Maintain a Workbook

It is imperative that every officer and chairman have a workbook. In this workbook important information pertaining to your work can be filed for instant reference.

Up-to-date material in the workbook makes annual reports more easily understood and more accurately prepared. To render its maximum service the workbook must be kept up-to-date.

The workbook should include: Constitution for the society; Leader's Guide; Emphases for the year; page from Annual Report Book; Directory and Yearbook; Agenda for division meetings; the pages from The American Baptist Woman; and letters and materials received from counterparts.

A workbook is not the personal property of the one assembling it. It should be passed on to her successor.

If *you* do not have such a record of information, this is an excellent time to assemble *your* workbook.

III. Hold Division Meetings

• Every First Vice-President should have . . .
→At least three division meetings a year.
→A well-planned agenda.
→A working knowledge of all areas of work in her division.
→Enthusiasm.
• Division meetings must provide opportunity for . . .
→Chairmen to present plans for work.
→Sharing ideas.
→Distribution of responsibilities.
→Cooperative planning.
→Evaluation of work.
• Division meetings are a means to . . .
→Long-range planning.
→Formulating recommendations for future accomplishments of the division.
→Communication of plans.
→Christian fellowship and understanding.

IV. Budget Time and Talent

Most of us operate on a budget. Whether we realize it or not, this technique of budgeting reaches into all areas of our lives. We budget our money, our time, and our talents.

A daily record book is often found on the desk of active women. Leading such busy lives, it is necessary to make notations concerning the activities of the day. Church work, club meetings, Parent-Teachers' Association, beauty shop and committee meetings consume many hours each week. If we were to scrutinize carefully this daily record book at the end of the year, we might be amazed to discover how little time was given to self-improvement for leadership in Christian work.

When we accept the responsibility of an office, we should make every effort to attend those meetings that will equip us to become better leaders. To develop the talent God has given us, we must use part of our time in availing ourselves of the opportunities that have been planned for our benefit by means of association meetings, conferences, and workshops. Through these meetings

we gain information regarding our woman's work and become better acquainted with our counterparts.

The house party offers an excellent opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship. Women become acquainted with other women in their state as well as with visitors who may include home and foreign missionaries and national officers and chairmen. Many women have already testified to the deepening of their spiritual lives as experienced during a house party of their state Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

As officers we should attend the house party and work diligently to interest others to take advantage of this annual event. We should talk about the workshops, the division presentations, and the moments of meditation. The many highlights of the house party program inspire one to a more complete dedication to the service of the Master.

The annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women is to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, June 4, 1959. This day of togetherness affords the opportunity to meet first vice-presidents and chairmen in the division of First Vice-President from other states, as well as the national officers and chairmen. *You* will want to be one of the large group of women, coming from all parts of the American Baptist Convention, to participate on Woman's Day, June 4, in the business meeting, the annual election of officers, and in the afternoon program on Christian Higher Education.

V. Know Contents of Program Packet

Have you seen the 1959-1960 Program Packet? American Baptist women look forward each year to March 15. That is the day on which the program packet—for the program year which begins on May 1—is put on sale in all American Baptist bookstores.

Do you know that it takes two years to develop a new theme and to produce a Program Packet?

Do you know that the 1959-1960 Program Packet was produced by members of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of the State of Washington?

Do you know that the Program Packet was planned with *you* in mind?

The writers of the programs in the packet considered societies of various sizes. They thought of the society in the downtown city area, in the suburban section, and in a small white steepled church at the crossroad. Whether the society be small, medium or large, in a city or surburb, town or country church, the users of the program packet will find a diversity of subjects and aids which, if used properly, can help produce a successful program. That is, of course, *if* the program committee first finds the objective for the program and then gives ample time for planning and preparation.

To make a new theme meaningful to those with whom we work, *we* must have enthusiasm for it. We must make the theme appealing. We must create within others the desire to want to buy the packet, to study the content, to make it adaptable for the society, and *then* to produce the programs effectively.

A woman's society will grow, increase in membership, develop a deeper spiritual insight, broaden its outlook on missions and be truly God centered . . . if . . . the programs are meaningful and presented with dignity and assurance.

Where does the responsibility rest? *With you!*

"Greater Works Shall Ye Do" is envisioned for you this year if you approach the new packet with the feeling that it was planned for *you.*

VI. Participate in Special Projects

We, as members of the National Council of American Baptist Women, should encourage interest in, and promotion of, the various special projects sponsored by the American Baptist Convention.

It is our responsibility to do everything possible to increase the American Baptist World Outreach. Through our gifts to missions and to the special offerings promoted by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, the American Baptist World Outreach will be increased.

It is vitally important that we help Baptist women to become aware of the current project, CHEC—the Christian Higher Education Challenge. Investment in the youth of today will make better citizens for tomorrow. The Baptist world mission is constantly in need of more and more dedicated and trained missionaries in the field of education, medicine, agriculture and technical assistance. To meet these needs there must be constant improvement in our student work and colleges. This includes faculty, buildings, and grounds. Has your church enrolled in the CHEC program?

The Program and Leadership Training Emphasis for the National Council of American Baptist Women during 1959-1960 is "Cooperative Witness in the Academic Community." Christian Social Relations, as related to our work in the community with students from abroad as well as other newcomers into the community, will be promoted through the technique of Group Conversation.

VII. Continue "Plan for Action"

First Vice-Presidents in states, associations, and local churches have been given the responsibility of reactivating those who are inactive. Have you promoted the "Plan for Action"? How many did you reactivate as a result of this plan?

If each First Vice-President will accept this challenge for service, the number of active women in our woman's work will be substantially increased.

VIII. Answer Correspondence

Most of us experience a feeling of anticipation and expectancy when the daily mail arrives. We know that most letters require an answer, that if we do not have the answer we must get in touch with someone who can give us the needed information. As First Vice-Presidents let us be determined to give our immediate personal attention to all mail from our counterparts, to all mail concerning our work.

Let us Remember . . .

If someone thinks a letter is important enough to write, we should regard it as something that requires our immediate, personal attention.

To the Chairmen of Program

From: Helen McDermott (Mrs. F. W. McDermott)
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For the Chairman of Program

I. Prepare a Yearbook for your society and distribute copies to every member. The following Yearbook Guide lists the items that are considered desirable in a Yearbook. Check to make certain that all are included:

→ 1. Identification. An attractive cover, bearing the name of the society and the year; the name and location of the church, including name of town or city; name and address of your pastor.

→ 2. The purpose of your organization.

→ 3. The themes for the year: Program theme for 1959-1960, "Greater Works Shall Ye Do"; hymn, "We Thank Thee, Lord, Thy Paths of Service Lead"; Scripture, John 14:12-17. Study themes for 1959-1960: "The Church's Mission in Town and Country"; "Africa."

→ 4. Who's Who. Include the names and addresses and telephone numbers of local society officers and chairmen of all committees; include names and addresses of association officers and chairmen; state and national presidents; special interest missionaries; speakers and interpreters; and include, also, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of circle members.

→ 5. Program Information. Include: Date, time and place of meetings; hostesses; subject and speakers for devotions and programs, and for any other special features. Make it sound interesting. Relate it to the program theme. Check to make certain that all the programs are on some phase of the world mission of the church, and that the presentation of the foreign and home themes is balanced. Check to see that there is variety in the method of presenting the programs: skits, panel discussions, audio-visuals, buzz sessions, and so forth. Check to be sure that some members are participating who did not do so in the programs for the previous year.

→ 6. Dates to Remember. In addition to the regular program meetings include such dates as: Meetings of the United Church Women; Baptist Day of Prayer, December 4, 1959; World Day of Prayer; Association meetings; state convention; spring rallies; house party; American Baptist Convention in Des Moines, June 4-9, 1959; School of Missions; National Conference of American Baptist Women, July 11-18, 1959.

→ 7. Finances. Include the budget of the society; and the Love Gift goal.

→ 8. Bible Books of the Month.

→9. Additional good pointers. Every few years include the constitution and by-laws. List the special projects of the society. Include a page for recording books read. Compile a table of contents. Keep the Yearbook "pocket-book" size. If printed, it is wise to have the programs for each circle included in order that everyone may know of the total work. If mimeographed, this might make the book too bulky. If not included, each circle should mimeograph its own book.

II. Be sure that every program in both the society and the circles is on some phase of the American Baptist World Mission. In past years, every program in our Woman's Baptist Mission Society was either on home or foreign missions. As the years have gone by other interests have been added to the program, such as Christian Social Relations, Family Life, Leadership Education, and Youth Recruitment. All of these and many others are important and should be given consideration in some phase of the program. But all too often, groups go beyond such topics and include travel talks, demonstrations on flower arrangements, and other themes not related directly to the world mission of the church. The Church has, at best, a very limited number of hours in which to challenge her members to better living and service. None of that precious time should be given to matters which other organizations are doing and doing well.

Before any topic is accepted or assigned for a program, the question should be asked: Is this related definitely to the world mission of the church? If not, it should be discarded. Also, care should be taken to see that there are at least two programs on the home mission theme and two on the foreign misison theme for the society and also for each circle. The women should learn to know by name, at least, some of the missionaries who are working in the fields which are being studied. *A Book of Remembrance* and Pen Sketches will help greatly at this point.

III. Have a genuine panel discussion for at least one of your meetings. Many programs that are listed as panel discussions fail to resemble even remotely a panel discussion. Let us think negatively for a few

moments! A panel is *not* four talks given by four different women sitting around a table, or worse yet, standing behind a lectern. A panel *is* a discussion among a small group of people, selected well in advance of the meeting. One is the leader. The discussion takes place in front of an audience which—in a good panel discussion—joins in the discussion. A good panel discussion requires advance planning and thinking, even though no speech is to be made. The panel should meet and decide on the purpose to be accomplished; certain points to be made; a few questions to be raised; and how the topic is to be introduced. Sometimes each member of the panel assumes responsibility for preparing to answer certain questions or for presenting various topics. But, this is only to keep the discussion moving. All the members should be prepared to make their contributions on every topic. A panel is in reality a lively, thoughtful conversation with all members participating as thoughts present themselves. When the panel discussion is going well, it is usually desirable to have members of the audience enter the discussion or ask questions.

IV. Evaluate your programs. In order to strive continually to improve programs, *the members of the program committee* should evaluate each program soon after its close. Occasionally it is well for the entire society to be asked to do so also. An evaluation of the program can determine whether the purpose of the meeting has been accomplished; it may reveal weaknesses in the program and may show where improvement can be made. It can also be a source of encouragement as progress is shown.

V. Use Buzz Sessions for evaluation of program by the members of your society. Greatest weaknesses and greatest strengths! Did your church participate in the Lay Development Program? If so, did you have the Workshop on Women's Work? If you cannot answer "Yes" to the second question, secure the Workshop Guide entitled "Women's Work in the Church" from the Commission on Lay Development, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. The third session in the guide recommends that there should be a Buzz Session on the subject "The Greatest Strength of our Program and the Greatest Weaknesses of our Program." If you have not held this Buzz Session, it would be a very profitable experience for your society. It would be well to do so this spring, giving the new officers opportunity to take into consideration the ideas expressed in the buzz groups, as they plan the program for the new year.

Methods of procedure for the Buzz Session:

1. Divide your society into small buzz groups of about six women.

2. Have each group appoint one member of the group as chairman and one as reporter. This may be done promptly by asking the member whose surname begins with the letter nearest the beginning of the alphabet to act as chairman, and the member whose name begins with the letter nearest to the end of the alphabet as the reporter.

3. Allow six minutes for half of the small groups to discuss the "Greatest Strengths of our Society," and the other half to discuss the "Greatest Weaknesses of our Society." (In a small society, all groups may have to discuss one topic and then later discuss the second topic.)

4. Have each buzz group report. On a chalkboard or on a large sheet of wrapping paper, list the strengths and weaknesses as they are reported. A good system for handling the reporting is to have each buzz group, following the report of the first group, give two ideas not previously mentioned; then give a second opportunity to any group with further ideas to report.

VI. Use Program Packet—"Greater Works Shall Ye Do."

1. The society's chairman of Program should plan to use as many as possible of the programs included in the packet, adapting them to meet the needs of the society. Those not used by the society should be used by the circles. The programs in the packet for 1959-1960 were written by Baptist women in the state of Washington, specifically for the meetings of American Baptist women. They are good. They are usable.

2. Don't use the programs in their original form. Adapt them. Add more material and information concerning the country and missionaries which are being studied. This will offer opportunity for research, increase the depth of the program, and add to the program the personalities of your committee members.

3. Don't read the program. Study and prepare it thoroughly in order that the message may be given in the speaker's own words. If a skit is used, then, of course, the lines should be so well prepared that parts can be given from memory.

4. Be sure to personalize your program. In presenting a program on "Africa" urge the women to learn of one, at least, of our missionaries in Africa. Be sure to personalize also the programs on Town and Country, Baptist Jubilee Advance, Christian Higher Education, and so forth.

5. Watch newspapers and magazines for current information concerning the subject being studied. How timely are our mission studies! God's guidance is certainly evident in the selections. In 1958-1959 we are studying the West Indies, when news of the recent Cuban revolution is being featured in the daily papers. Africa, too, is in the headlines as we prepare for the 1959-1960 study. Make use of this current material to make your programs alive and realistic.

6. Challenge the members of your society to do "Greater Works." To accomplish this, programs must be carefully prepared and must hold interest. They must live and have a purpose. They must cause the women to think and to feel and to realize needs. Then the women in your society will respond to the challenge to do "Greater Works."

Six goals for this year. Will you accomplish all of them? I hope so. It can and will happen if the challenge and responsibility of your position are recognized. May you lead your society to greater heights in the field of programs than it has ever known.

To the Chairmen of House Party

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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Chairmen of House Party

I. Publicize in many and in varied ways the state house party of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Remember that repetition of short, attractive, to the point publicity with a variety of emphases will bear more fruit than one long speech! Use your ingenuity and originality. Posters, skits, and notices in the church bulletins, as well as personal conversations and telephone calls, will help to create interest. Refer to The American Baptist Woman, Volume III, No. 1, January, 1959, page 9, for suggested skits.

II. Set a goal for your society: at least one woman attending for the *first time*. Large societies may wish to establish a higher goal.

III. Suggest that your society send the president to the state house party, paying part or all of her expenses.

IV. Help to organize transportation to the house party.

Some groups have arranged car-pools. Some associations have chartered buses and have had fun and opportunity to get acquainted with one another as they traveled together. Perhaps a so-called "clearing house" can be established by the association chairman of House Party whereby the need for transportation of a society with only one member, or two, going to the house party could be made known to a near-by society.

V. Make known, to your state house party committee, the women in your local society whose talents would make a valuable contribution to the program of the house party.

Designate one page in your workbook for "Talent." Whenever you find someone with special ability jot her name down under such headings as: Music, Devotionals, Good Organizer, and so forth. Be sure to send this information to your state chairman of House Party. Let us be constantly on the search for new talent. The more women taking part in the house party, the more interest there will be!

IV. Be sure that a lively, interesting and informative report of the state house party is given to the entire Woman's Society.

Here, again, we can make use of skits. A miniature house party has been dramatized; a panel-type program might be used. Remember when you are reporting on the house party you will want to make your report informative and at the same time sufficiently enticing that those who did not attend will resolve *not to miss the next house party.*

VII. Promote attendance at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

This conference is planned especially for potential leaders, those who have been newly elected to office, and those who want more training in the work they are doing.

VIII. Read and circulate promptly all information received from your counterparts.

It is vitally important that we keep the channel open and make sure that the information we receive is circulated to those desiring and needing it. It is our responsibility to make certain that information regarding the house party is given to each woman in the Woman's Society and to each member of a circle.

IX. Read regularly the page for the chairmen of House Party in The American Baptist Woman.

X. Pray that all our work may be effective.

The Workbook for Chairmen of House Party

A workbook is, without question, a most important and most effective tool. Each chairman of House Party should have one. Those of us who are using a large loose-leaf binder find that type of notebook to be most efficient.

The contents of the workbook for the chairman of House Party should include:

- The Constitution
- Leader's Guide
- Emphases (Goals) for the current year
- Page from the Annual Report Book
- Directory or Yearbook
- Minutes of board meetings
- Copies of letters and materials sent to, or received from counterparts, and all other material relating to the office.
- Specific page from The American Baptist Woman.

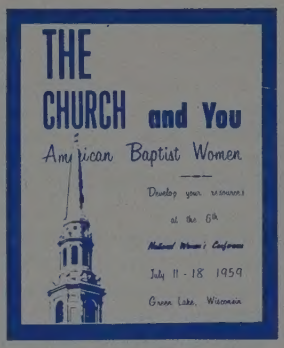
Keep your workbook up-to-date and present it to your successor.

Be sure to include in your workbook a record of the names of your members who have attended the house party. This will give you a nucleus with which to work in getting interest started. It will also help you to know who is being reached, also how many.

Woman's Day, June 4, 1959

There will be division luncheons. Chairmen of House Party will meet with the division of First Vice-President. Won't you make a special effort to be present? I am looking forward to meeting you.

National Women's Conference



It isn't quite time for you to pack your bag to go to Green Lake, Wisconsin, to attend the National Women's Conference, but it certainly is time to send in your registration and to start saving your money. Will you be one of the four hundred Baptist women expected to attend the 1959 conference? The dates are July 11-18; the place, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Last year the women of New Jersey chartered a bus. They had a wonderful time traveling together to Green Lake. How about chartering a bus—or two—for your state?

All of the national officers and chairmen are planning to be present. In conferences, local, association, state, and national counterparts will have an opportunity to meet one another and to discuss their work.

I'll be there, will YOU?

Report Time Again!

In looking over the annual reports for the past five years, I discovered that *not once* during that period have all the state chairmen of House Party reported on time. Each year some state reports were missing at the time when the national chairman of House Party had to submit her report. Was it a local chairman, an association chairman, or the state chairman that fell down on her job and didn't send her report on time? We are dependent upon one another if we are to have an accurate and complete report. Won't YOU see that YOUR report is sent to your counterpart well before the deadline?

Reports Show Increases

It was heartening to note by an analysis of the annual reports that during the 1957-1958 program year there was an increase in the . . .

→number of women attending state house parties;
→number of women attending for the first time;
→number of association presidents attending *by 63;*
→number of association presidents having a part or all of their expenses paid *by 128;*
→number of local presidents attending *by 49.*

A total of 281 association presidents attended a house party. A total of 1326 local presidents attended a house party.

Reports may seem to be a chore and of little value, but if they are carefully and accurately prepared they prove to be a valuable measuring stick by which we can check our achievement. Reports help us to see where we are weak and need to strengthen our program. Reports give us encouragement as we see where we have made progress.

Conferences

It is the time for spring rallies. Perhaps you have been asked to conduct a conference. If so, you may find the following suggestions helpful:

1. Remember that a conference is not a speech. It is a time of conferring with one another, a give and take. A conference does need direction, however, if it is to arrive at a given destination.

2. Take time enough for people to become acquainted by giving their names and the names of their churches. Be brief and to the point, but be sure that the atmosphere is friendly. A few minutes spent to "break the ice" will be worth more than much effort spent later trying to get people to participate.

3. Appoint a secretary to record suggestions and decisions.

4. Develop the conference through three main questions, each presented in a different way:

a. How can the local chairmen be kept informed of plans and progress of the state house party committee? Break the group up into a buzz session to accomplish this. Bring back and list findings. Allow a brief period to clear questions.

b. What methods and devices should be used to promote attendance at the house party? Have several women who have done a good job be prepared to present *one* method used. If you have a good publicity chairman have her present the basic one-two-three of publicity. Have previously prepared display of flyers, favors for meetings, skits, and so forth. Discuss these and other ideas from the group.

c. How can association and local chairmen interpret needs to the state house party committee? Ask three women to be with you in a panel discussion. Talk informally about specific things. Example: The need for help in parliamentary procedure, or need for conference on publicity. Also discuss ways of finding women of ability who can contribute to house party programs.

5. Read and study the Goals. This could act as a means of drawing the discussion together. Stop and clear questions when they arise.

6. Close the conference with prayer.

Two-Minute Commercial For . . .

It's Sunday morning, just about time for Church School. Carol sits slumped in an easy chair, reading the Sunday paper. Peggy is also reading but somewhat less relaxed. Mrs. Carson is putting the finishing touches on her own preparations for leaving the house for church.

If you want to know more about this family, write to the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Ave., N. Y. 16, N. Y., for a free copy of this "Two-Minute Commercial."

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: Jennie Eulette (Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette)
National Chairman of Literature
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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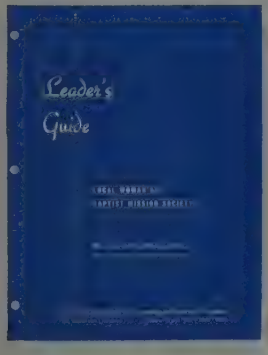
Greetings and Sincere Good Wishes to the Several Thousand American Baptist Chairmen of Literature

This salutation is directed to you, and you, and you. Whether your church is large or small, whether it is in city, town, village or a more rural section, makes no difference. Your tasks are equally important, and your devotion to the responsibilities equally valuable in the service of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

He has said: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you." *He has chosen us.* The work we do for him is *permanent in its results.* In doing this work we have only to ask for help in his name, and *God's resources are at our disposal.* Let us be mindful of these amazing facts as we face tasks which may sometimes seem like tiresome routine, without glamor and lacking in action.

Those of you who held this position as chairman of Literature last year will recall that the 1958 Spring issue of The American Baptist Woman carried the "Leader's Guide" and the list of duties of local officers and chairmen.



Did you receive your copy at that time? Perhaps your predecessor supplied you when she passed on to you her workbook. If you do not have a copy of this Guide, request the president or secretary of your society to secure the loose-leaf booklet which outlines the duties of all officers and chairmen in the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society and to pass on to you the pages pertaining to your specific duties.

This booklet may be obtained at fifty cents each, from any American Baptist Bookstore.[1] It is absolutely necessary, if you are to serve effectively as chairman of Literature, that these pages be in your hands.

[1] American Baptist bookstores are located at: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960
For the Chairmen of Literature

Last year each officer and chairman selected for special Emphasis several of the duties named in her Leader's Guide. This did not mean that the other duties should be minimized, neglected, or overlooked. It meant, rather, that *special* emphasis should be given to the duties selected. We are following the same plan this year.

I. Acquaintance with Literature Highlights

By acquaintance I do not mean a mere *nodding* acquaintance. I mean, rather, a friendship, where you have companionship, based upon common interest. You never really know a friend without frequent contacts. So you will not really know "Literature Highlights" unless you study it carefully and consult it frequently. It is the most important factor helping you to perform the duties of your position as chairman of Literature. Unless you know what literature is available, you will be unable to advise the officers and chairmen of your mission society as to what will be most helpful to them in their own work, and you will not be prepared to make an effective presentation of literature at your society's meetings or at circle meetings. Preserve each copy of "Literature Highlights" even after the new one has arrived, for much of the literature listed is timeless in value, and is deserving of more than one year's presentation.

II. Variety in Display and Presentation of Literature

Much depends upon how the literature is displayed, or is presented to an audience. Variety is neccessary in both display and presentation if you are to attract the attention of any women, except those who are already interested. We are thankful that this number is large, but our aim is to increase their number. This cannot be accomplished simply by laying piles of literature upon a table; nor does it come about through hurried, vague, or listless presentations before an audience. The display that has some unusual feature, in color, arrangement, signs, posters, supplementary articles (such as globes, curios or wearing apparel from other countries) will attract people. In the same way, an enthusiastic, definite and interesting presentation (not too long) before an

audience will secure results. By results I mean *readers.* Make use of the ideas and suggestions which come to you from the association, state or national chairmen of Literature. Originate methods of your own. Ask some of your friends to suggest new and unusual ways of arousing interest. Then, gradually, the audience will look forward to your part on the program with real anticipation. That is a result well worth working for, and one which it is possible for each one of you to attain. Prayer for help in this important part of our work will be answered, for this is God's work in which we are engaged. He will help us if we ask him.

III. A Budget for the Purchase of Literature

Perhaps your Society has not yet included in its budget an item for the purchase of literature. It is very possible that in setting up the new organization, in accordance with the plans proposed by the National Council of American Baptist Women, the society failed to realize that a new type of work must have funds upon which to draw, if it is to do creative work. I am sure that the executive committee or the finance committee of the society will readily recognize this need if you call it to their attention. Do not be too modest in the amount they may ask you to suggest. There is much excellent *free* literature, but you should also have on hand a supply of the valuable and attractive priced books and pamphlets. Many of these will, no doubt, be purchased by the women. Be sure to keep an accurate account of all expenditures and all sales, so that you can make an exact report of all funds available.

IV. Frequent Reading of Duties in Leader's Guide

Do you remember how many times you had to go over a lesson in school, before you had really mastered it? And will you ever forget the long, drawn out process of learning the multiplication tables? I am not advocating these methods, but I am suggesting that you re-read, thoughtfully, the list of your duties in the Leader's Guide, as often as every two weeks. Perhaps you can select a particular day of the week for this re-reading, and then check it on the calendar so that you can know just when you last read your duties. The mere reading is not the important thing, but checking to see whether you are performing these duties is vital. They have been chosen with great care. Like the pieces in a mosaic, none may be omitted without affecting the whole.

V. Promotion of The American Baptist Woman

This loose-leaf magazine is unlike any other of our American Baptist publications. It is a valuable, direct line of communication between each national officer or chairman, and every one of her counterparts, in state, association, and local society. All chairmen of Literature, for instance, are reading the same words, and considering the same plans or ideas. Thus there is forged a strong bond of understanding and unity. We go on together to perform our common tasks. You will see, then, how very desirable it is that each officer or chairman should have, and should read her two pages in each issue of The American Baptist Woman. It is hoped that each Woman's Baptist Mission Society will subscribe for at least two copies: one to be kept intact by the president, the other to be distributed among the officers and chairmen. Many societies have found it wise to have an additional subscription, in case some sheets are lost or misplaced. Also, in some societies individual members have wished to have their own subscriptions. You can be of great assistance to your association chairman of Literature in checking on the accuracy of names and addresses, and the renewal of subscriptions. There is soon to be ready a book of instructions for the state chairman in charge of the subscription list; in many states this responsibility is assigned to the chairman of Literature.

VI. Prompt Notification Regarding Your Successor

When your term of office is completed, or when, for any reason you find it necessary to resign, please notify the association, state, or national chairman of Literature at the earliest possible moment, and send her the name and address of your successor. It may come at the moment when she is planning for a conference, a special type of program, or some other event helpful to the cause of literature display and distribution. A delay in notifying her might seriously handicap her, and cause loss of time in correspondence. Her list of chairmen should be complete at all times.

The Deeper Meaning of Our Tasks

I once knew a minister who continually said to the members of his church: "The reward of work well done is more work." Strangely enough, it always proved to be true. I am sure that *you* are also finding that it is true. However, there is another reward for work well done, which is quite as sure, and infinitely more gratifying. This is an inward sense of satisfaction which follows the accomplishment of a worthwhile task. There is a still greater reward for the performance of our tasks as chairmen of Literature. These six Emphases, and the other duties listed in our Guide, have for their primary purpose the worship of God, and personal dedication to his service. When we see our tasks in this light, and clearly recognize the spiritual incentives, we shall receive the greatest reward of all—the consciousness of being "workers together with God."

COMING EVENTS

June 4-9, 1959

The American Baptist Convention, Des Moines, Iowa.

June 4, 1959

The Annual Meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, Des Moines, Iowa, morning and afternoon sessions, including business meeting, election of officers, and an inspiring program.

There will also be division luncheons. I hope to see you at the luncheon for the division of First Vice-President—our division.

July 11-18, 1959

The National Women's Conference, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Conference theme: "THE Church and You."

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: Harriet Barker (Mrs. Marshall B. Barker)
National Vice-President of Missions
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For all Vice-Presidents of Missions

Recruitment has been chosen as the over-all goal for this year by the whole division of Missions. In this "New Day" in missions, well trained, highly qualified young people are needed.

Women teachers are especially needed. At the present time there are immediate openings for twenty-four qualified teachers overseas. These are for vacancies in kindergarten, elementary, junior high, and high schools, seminary, training school, and schools for missionaries' children. An administrator, English and domestic science teachers, religious education specialists and educational evangelists are needed. There is also a demand for women doctors and nurses. These women must be well prepared in their fields and must also have spiritual outlook, a Christian concern, maturity, humility, and physical and emotional stability.

It is the duty of all members of divisions of Missions across the land to be ever on the alert for young women who meet these requirements.

I. Ask your pastor and youth leaders to present the challenge.

II. Pray about it in public and in private.

III. Cooperate with the Fellowship Guild (the source of our future women missionaries) and business and professional women's groups (a possible source of missionary personnel at this time).

IV. Encourage church young people to read missionary biographies such as *The Shadows They Cast*, *Journey Into Mission*, the "Eagle" books (biographies of foreign missionaries) and the "Frontier" books (biographies of home missionaries). All these books are available at your nearest denominational bookstore.[1]

Interested persons should be referred to the Rev. Ernest Witham, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, for home mission service; and to the Rev. William Parkinson, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, for foreign mission service.

Monthly Goals for Vice-Presidents of Missions

April. Be sure your annual report has been sent to your counterpart. Mail it at once if you have not already done so. Check to see that your church is using American Baptist literature in Sunday and Vacation Church Schools. Their richness in American Baptist Missionary information strengthens our program.

May. Encourage women to go to the house party; National Women's Conference and National Missions Conference at Green Lake; and to regional summer Christian World Mission Conferences. (Refer to page 16 for locations of, and dates for Christian World Mission Summer Conferences to be held in 1959.)

June, July, August. Become informed. Plan to attend some of the meetings mentioned above. Do much missionary reading. Visit, if possible, a missionary or mission field on your vacation.

September. Call a division meeting early in the month. Make plans for the fall work. Study "Leader's Guides" that all chairmen may be thoroughly informed and may develop ideas regarding their work. Using "Literature Highlights" and "Friends Through Books," order supplies that will help you and your chairmen. Be sure that your subscription to The American Baptist Woman is renewed!

October. World Fellowship Offering presentation. Study materials that come to you and to your pastor. Use such materials wherever possible in circles, classes, and in all woman's groups in the church.

November. Emphasize giving to the Unified Budget of the denomination. Point out the benefits to be realized through annuities established in our denominational agencies. Watch advertisements in *Missions*. Be thankful!

December. Happy holidays! Remember the many people, both in this country and in foreign lands, who do not know the Christmas story and have never learned its meaning.

January, 1960. Cooperate with your pastor and youth leaders in a presentation of the challenge of missionary service on Life Recruitment Sunday.

February. Make effective use of the excellent materials that are sent to your church for the America for Christ Offering. Enthusiastically present to the women of your church the needs for this offering.

March. Call a division meeting and together prepare your annual report, sending it to your association officers

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in advance of the deadline. Compare with last year's report and resolve to strengthen your weak points.

All Year Long: Pray. Study. Present persuasively the challenge and the obligation toward missions.

Of Special Concern

American Baptist missionaries and members of Baptist churches have been, and may continue to be, going through dangerous and difficult times both in Cuba and in Belgian Congo. Watch news bulletins for current information from these troubled spots. Pray for the safety of our friends and pray that they may be faithful in their continuing witness through dark days.

New Mission Study Themes

"The Church's Mission in Town and Country" and "Africa" are the mission study themes for 1959-1960. Start now to collect materials for posters, scrapbooks, articles for your church paper, and for use in study classes. The department of Missionary and Stewardship Education suggests that churches use the foreign theme for schools of missions and that women's study groups use the home theme. Study books on the new themes are now ready and may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore.[1]

Congo News Letter

Be prepared for your year's study on "Africa." You can subscribe to the *Congo News Letter,* a pamphlet published quarterly by and about our missionaries in Leopoldville. Send seventy-five cents for a year's subscription, or two dollars for three years' subscription (or for three subscriptions to one address in one year), to the treasurer, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

An Alphabet of Overseas Missions

A series of advertisements in *Missions* bears this title, "An Alphabet of Overseas Missions." Collect them and make a poster or scrapbook for display or for use in your circles.

The Wrong Answer

The Rev. Ivan C. Whipple, Western Representative of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was speaking to a group of young people. He asked if they knew what the Home Mission Society was. One boy replied, "Yes, they are folks who go around calling on people in their homes." Do the young people (older ones, too) in your church know what the American Baptist Home Mission Societies really do? It is part of your work to keep them informed. Why not start with the *Home Mission Digest, Number 11,* 1959-1960? It will be ready on April 15 and will feature "The Mission of the Church in Town and Country." Order from your Baptist State Convention or City Society Office. Price, 75 cents.

Will YOU Be in Des Moines?

Many events especially interesting to members of the division of Missions are planned in connection with the American Baptist Convention in Des Moines, June 4-9.

→Woman's Day is June 4. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held in the morning. There will be division luncheons at noon. We hope to see many of you at the division of Missions luncheon. The afternoon program will feature a Christian Higher Education Convocation.

→Missions breakfasts will be of interest to you. *The foreign mission breakfast* will be Friday morning, June 5, at the Savery Hotel, Des Moines. Our overseas program will be featured and all foreign missionaries at the convention will be presented. *The home mission breakfast* will be Saturday morning, June 6, in the Veterans Auditorium. The program will be concerned with the mission of the church in town, country, and urban areas.

→The dedication of missionaries is always a highlight of every American Baptist Convention. This service is scheduled for Sunday evening, June 7.

→The boards of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies will have pre-convention open sessions, beginning on June 1, to which you are invited.

Summer Conferences

- Interdenominational conferences. "The Church's Mission in Town and Country" and "Africa" will be the program themes of seven interdenominational conferences to be held during the summer of 1959. Please refer to page 16, for dates and locations.
- National Women's Conference, Green Lake, July 11-18. Theme: "THE Church and You." Meet all the national officers of the division of Missions.
- National Missions Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 8-15. Themes: "Africa," "Town and Country." Dr. Robert Beaven is the Vesper speaker; the Rev. Robert Clingan, the preacher. Addresses will be given by Dr. Kenneth Maxwell.

From 10:45 A. M. to noon each day, Monday through Friday, there will be sixteen elective courses, lead by national leaders, to train you for your missionary responsibility. These will include: Children—home and foreign theme sections; Youth—home and foreign theme sections; Adults—two sections on each of the themes; Graded schools of missions; missionary education in a local church; the Missions Committee; Christian Vocation and Missions, B.Y.F. and Fellowship Guild; the Church and World Affairs; the Church and its Community; National Council of American Baptist Women's Division of Missions (to be lead by Mrs. Paul Maul, national chairman of Speakers and Interpreters).

Encourage all who would profit by these workshops to attend.

IMPORTANT!

One important item was omitted from our local report form: "Did *you* promote, among the women of your church, World Fellowship Offering ———; America for Christ Offering ———? Please report information on the reverse side of annual report for the Vice-President of Missions.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: Leona Mueller (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)
National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 1450 East Shore Drive, St. Paul 6, Minnesota

Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

Is this not a good time to check up and learn how successful we were in accomplishing the emphases that were listed in The American Baptist Woman, Volume II, No. 2, March, 1958? Continuing the advance we made under those emphases, let us proceed with new goals to help us to measure our accomplishments for the year ahead.

I. Encourage every woman in your society to read at least one missionary book recommended in "Friends Through Books."[1] Suggest that each one read a second missionary or stewardship book during the Lenten season.

II. Recommend that the members of your Woman's Society add new books to the church library. Perhaps the librarian would set aside a section of shelves for missionary and stewardship books for all ages.

III. Promote the reading of the Bible under the Bible Book of the Month Plan. Each book of the Bible should be read at one sitting if possible.

IV. Encourage more families in your church to subscribe to *Missions*. Cooperate with the chairman of Literature to help women to understand the importance of having *Missions* read each month in every American Baptist home.

V. Attend your church's Board of Christian Education planning conference. You should be a member of the committee on Missionary and Stewardship Education. If you have not been appointed to this committee, you might request the privilege of attending the planning conference as an interested observer.

VI. Continue to expand the emphases of stewardship. Promote the study of stewardship in circle meetings and study classes. Encourage the active participation of every woman in a program of stewardship in the home, the church, and the community.

VII. Attend either the National Women's Conference or the National Missions Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin; your state house party, and other conferences on Missionary and Stewardship Education whenever possible.

VIII. Become a part of your church's program of recruitment of young people for missionary service and for other church-related vocations. The need for teachers, nurses, doctors, evangelists, and others in overseas mission areas is acute. Ministers and education leaders must be found to staff the new American Baptist churches and schools which are being planned to meet, in the months ahead, the needs of our people.

Program Packet, 1959-1960

There are so many new and exciting items to which to look forward that it is difficult to know where to begin. Perhaps we should give first consideration to the Program Packet, "Greater Works Shall Ye Do." The members of the division of Missions will, doubtless, find that this new packet is especially helpful. Included in the packet are program aids on evangelism, Africa, Town and Country, and special interest missionaries. Program helps include: "Filmpac," "Ways to Use Study Books," and "Devotional Helps." The packets are now on sale at your nearest American Baptist bookstore.[2] The price of the packet is 75 cents. There are also program folders on which are printed the hymn for the year, and a reproduction of the cover of the packet. Folders are priced at fifty for one dollar. Gummed stickers of the program cover are priced at one hundred for fifty cents.

Study Books For Adults

For the foreign mission theme, "Africa," the following books are recommended:

Coming—Ready or Not. By Chester and Margaret Jump. Probable price, $1.25.

The Way in Africa. By George W. Carpenter. $1.50.

Africa Disturbed. By Emory and Myrta Ross. $1.95.

American Baptist Mission Study Guide on Africa. By Dorothy A. Stevens. 50 cents.

The study on "Africa" is recommended by the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education for use in the church School of Missions.

For the home mission theme, "The Church's Mission in Town and Country," the following books are recommended:

People, Land, and Churches. By Rockwell Smith. $1.50.

[1] Refer to "Friends Through Books," page 2. "Friends Through Books," ready for distribution in June, will give a complete list of books, plays, maps, films, etc., on the themes for 1959-1960. Order from your nearest American Baptist State Convention office or American Baptist City Mission Society.

On Good Soil. By Wilfred Bockelman. $1.50.

Home Mission Digest, Number 11. 1959-1960. 75 cents.

American Baptist Mission Study Guide on Town and Country. By Dorothy A. Stevens. 50 cents.

All books are available at your nearest American Baptist bookstore,[2] *with one exception:* Order *Home Mission Digest* from your Baptist State Convention or Baptist City Society Office.

Reports

Do you like the simplified report form for the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education in the 1958-1959 Record and Annual Report Book? The preparation of this new report will require very little time *if you have kept a careful record throughout the year.* In order that the reports may be compiled and printed before the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women in Des Moines on June 4, the local report must be sent on its way to the association chairman not later than April 15; association to state, not later than April 22; state to national, not later than April 30. Any delay clogs the procedure and works a hardship in completing the report.

Objectives

There is a change to be made on page three of the 1958-1959 Record and Annual Report Book under Objectives for a Local Woman's Mission Society. Under item 5b change "50 per cent of the women in a society reading at least *three* books on the approved list" to read as follows: Fifty per cent of the women in the society reading at least *one book* on the approved list. This change is in accordance with the question on page 21, item 2, under Missionary and Stewardship Education.

Woman's Day

Are you planning to attend Woman's Day in Des Moines on June 4? We are looking forward to meeting many members of the division of Missions at our division luncheon. You will hear more about this luncheon from your president.

The National Women's Conference

"THE Church and You" is the theme for the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 11-18, 1959. This theme is in keeping with the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis for 1960-1961: "Mission to the Church." There will be inspiration, training, and fellowship for all who attend.

National Missions Conference

The program of the National Missions Conference is being drastically changed for 1959. Courses in setting up schools of missions and plans for using mission study books are being offered. There will be sixteen elective leadership training conferences with national leaders to guide us in learning more effective ways of carrying out the responsibilities we have assumed in the work of the church. The usual outstanding speakers and leaders will be on hand, and there will be an opportunity to meet and to talk with many missionaries and nationals. Registration fee is $7.50. Register early with the Registrar, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Please refer to page 14, column two.

Christian World Mission

Eight interdenominational conferences on the Christian World Mission will be held during the summer of 1959 in different parts of our country. These conferences will afford excellent opportunities for us to hear outstanding mission leaders and nationals from Africa, as well as speakers and seminary leaders in the area of town and country life. Dates and locations for the conferences follow:

June 13-19 .....Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas
June 14-20 .....Estes Park, Colorado
June 28-July 5 .....Northfield, Massachusetts
July 8-15 .....Silver Bay, New York
July 31-August 5 .....Asilomar, California
August 3-7 .....Northwestern University, Illinois
August 7-12 ..College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.
August 23-28 .....Chautauqua, New York

What's for Lunch?

Have you ever had a book luncheon? No, you don't eat the books, but you use study books, other recommended reading books, and book covers for table decorations. Have some of the women in your society who have ability in reviewing books give a brief but provocative coverage of each book. This idea could be used for a spring meeting as soon as the new study books are ready. Women often have more time for reading during the summer months. A luncheon like this might stimulate their interest in the type of reading presented. Or, perhaps, it would suit your purpose better to have a fall luncheon when women who have had a vacation from regular meetings of the society are ready and eager to get on with the work.

Of course, we always remember to use—and to suggest that others use—American Baptist and approved interdenominational literature and reading materials.

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Has your church accepted its goal in the Christian Higher Education Challenge? We should be ready and willing to contribute our leadership to this program and to encourage others to do so. This is a part of our stewardship and we consider it a privilege to have a share in this challenge which has been planned to strengthen our American Baptist Ministry of Christian Higher Education so that more young people may be trained to serve their church at home and around the world.

Remember Woman's Day

May I have the pleasure of meeting you on Woman's Day, June 4, in Des Moines, at our division luncheon?

[2] American Baptist bookstores are located at: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

To the Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters

From: Pauline Maul (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)
National Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana

Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

To Open—Press Here

Opening this message by presenting three major points of emphasis—or pressure points—for the year ahead may seem a bit blunt. However, they are our goals for 1959-1960 and their importance does justify their early appearance. To attain the pressing objectives of the division of Missions we *must:*

I. Encourage young people to ask Speakers and Interpreters to make their presentations in Youth meetings through which young people may be challenged to a commitment to missionary service.

II. Encourage Speakers and Interpreters to seek training made available through national, state and association conferences.

III. See that the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, the youth counselors, and program chairmen are informed about the Speakers and Interpreters who are available, and about the subjects on which they will speak.

Emphasis I, above, was also one of our goals for 1958-1959. Do not forget the other emphases for last year. They conitnue to be as pertinent as ever to our work.

Remember our purpose: To stimulate love and concern for American Baptist mission work in all the world!

Re-read and Refresh

Carefully read again all the specific duties for a chairman of Speakers and Interpreters. These were printed in the March, 1958 issue of The American Baptist Woman, Volume II, No. 2. Refresh your memory. New ideas may come.

There was a special printing of these "Leader's Guides" for those who are not subscribers to The American Baptist Woman. If you do not have a copy of your guide in your workbook, write to me at 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana. I'll send a copy from my supply as long as it lasts.

Wanted—Young Women!

Now—and for years to come—at home and overseas—young women are, and will be, greatly needed in the missionary program of our American Baptist Convention. Teachers, for kindergarten and on up through high school, teachers of English, of religious education, of domestic science, and of other subjects are wanted now. Nurses and doctors are urgently needed.

There may be a young woman—or more than one—in your community who has the qualifications to serve in an important position. You could be the one who could tell her of the opportunity and could interest her in applying for work in her chosen field. Information for applicants is available from the Personnel Department of the American Baptist Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, and the American Bapitst Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Coming Attractions

Opportunities are coming—opportunities for training and for fellowship.

→ At the Convention

• Woman's Day! Thursday, June 4, is the day. Des Moines, Iowa, is the place. A luncheon for the division of Missions is planned for Woman's Day. You will hear more about this from your state president.

• The American Baptist Convention! If you come to Woman's Day you will also want to attend the sessions of the Convention, June 4-9, 1959. All those interested in Missions and in the far-reaching activities of our denomination will hear much that will be helpful and inspiring.

• Special Breakfasts! During the Convention, two breakfasts are scheduled which will hold interest for Speakers and Interpreters. For Speakers there will be a home mission breakfast in the Veterans Auditorium, on June 6. At this breakfast excellent background on the various phases of town, country, and city work will be given. For Interpreters, the Foreign Mission Societies sponsor a breakfast on June 5, offering opportunity to learn the latest information about our overseas work, in the Savery Hotel.

→ At the National Women's Conference. July 11-18 is the week. American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, is the place. The theme is "**THE Church and You.**" Here is opportunity to develop your resources. National officers and chairmen will be there for conferences and training.

→ **At the Missions Conference.** August 8-15 is the week. Green Lake, Wisconsin, is the place. The themes are: "Africa," and "Town and Country." This conference will be especially helpful to Speakers and Interpreters, and also to all members of the division of Missions. Sixteen elective leadership training conferences are planned. One is on "Missions in the National Council of American Baptist Women." It will include discussion on the subjects pertaining to the division of Missions. Inspiration, information, and training await you at the Missions Conference.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance

Venture in Cooperative Witness

Six Baptist Conventions—Baptist Federation of Canada, North American Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., National Baptist Convention of America, Southern Baptist Convention, and American Baptist Convention—have entered into a five-year plan of cooperative Christian witness. During this five-year period, 1959-1964, these six Baptist conventions will emphasize together that it is the business of the church to convince the world of God's love.

Speakers and Interpreters can be a very real part of this program. Because Speakers and Interpreters . . .

1. Consider themselves servants of Christ Jesus,
2. Believe that God so loved the World,
3. Have a love and concern for American Baptist mission work,

and because American Baptists are participating in the Jubilee Advance through the division of evangelism of our Home Mission Societies, we are urged to cooperate with churches and associations as they go forward into this very important effort of the Baptists.

For understanding, encouragement, and conviction read *The Broken Wall*, by Marcus Barth, a Baptist Jubilee Advance Publication. Price, $2.75, at Baptist bookstores.

Reports! Reports! Reports!

Yes, they are important! Make every effort to see that all Speakers and Interpreters make a report. Read instructions carefully and send the proper pages to the proper people.

Reminders sometimes need to be sent. Only a 100 per cent report can tell the true story of our work. Wouldn't our report be a wonderful one if *every* Speaker and *every* Interpreter, *every* local chairman, *every* association chairman, and *every* chairman reported?

What is to be reported as a Speaker's and an Interpreter's speech? Reportable talks or speeches are those given in response to an invitation to speak at a group on the subject of Missions or on any specific part of the total work of missions. A speech or talk about American Baptist home missions or any part thereof can be reported by a Speaker. Likewise, a speech or talk about American Baptist foreign missions or any part thereof can be reported by an Interpreter. While our American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies have no work of their own in the Middle East, and therefore no missionaries there, we do work through cooperative Protestant organizations in this area by making financial contributions and participating in administration. Consequently, interpreters may report talks or speeches on the Middle East.

You May Start Now

Now is the time to start files for next year's emphases. "The Church's Mission in Town and Country" is the home mission theme; "Africa," the foreign mission theme. Africa is very much in the news. Interpreters may profit by watching current news publications for usable items. Speakers and Interpreters whose topics are on phases and fields not embraced by the new themes should begin working over and refreshing their material so that their speeches are revitalized, made new and different for a new year's presentation.

Face to Face with Ourselves

A quipster once wrote across the face of a mirror this bit of verse:

> I change, and so do women too;
> But I reflect, which women never do.

We may question the truth of his accusation, but we must agree with him on the need for reflection. We should long with Robert Burns for the ability ". . . to see oursels as others see us! It wad," as he said, "frae monie a blunder free us, . . ."

Every Speaker and every Interpreter should occasionally subject herself to self-examination that she might see herself as others see her and thus free herself from many a blunder. One casually prepared, poorly presented speech may kill an indeterminable number of opportunities. Willingness to speak is only a starting point. To become an effective public speaker one must study and work hard.

How many of these questions can each one of us answer with an honest "yes"?

1. Do I really know enough about my subject to speak with authority?
2. Have I prepared a talk with a well-defined purpose? Will this purpose be attained naturally? Will it be clear to my listeners?
3. Am I using intimate or personal illustrations which catch the interest and imagination of my audience, rather than speaking in impersonal and uninteresting generalities?
4. Do I have an enthusiasm for my subject and a joy in my work which are projected through my speech and manner so that they may be shared by my audience?
5. Have I adopted a confident, unapologetic, not to be intimidated attitude for my presentations; yet guarded carefully to avoid even a hint of unfriendliness, antagonism or superiority?
6. Do I enhance my talks with available visual aids, such as maps, pictures and objects of interest?
7. Do I study to improve my ability as a public speaker, using the hints and helps to be found in articles and books on the subject available in public libraries and elsewhere?

May we, each one of us, be faithful to the task before us!

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: June Gates (Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr.)
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Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

As a small group of women left my home after spending an hour in prayer, I thought of the power that comes through a group—even a small group—of praying women. Similar groups around the world—sometimes in very remote places—are meeting for prayer. As Christian women we must pray without ceasing. We must do everything possible that more women may learn of the great privilege and power of prayer. The help we give to our Special Interest Missionaries is one of the ways to bring this about. Achievement of the following emphases is another.

I. Personalize Missions

Personalizing missions continues to be one of the emphases for the division of Missions. One of the best means for this accomplishment is through *you* as the chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. It is your task to make each woman—indeed each church member—feel a personal responsibility to support with prayers, gifts, and the work of her hands, the Special Interest Missionaries assigned to your church.

II. Keep the church well informed about your Special Interest Missionary.

Our Special Interest Missionaries are the concern not only of the women of the church but of the entire church membership. See that pictures are posted, excerpts from letters read or quoted in the weekly church bulletin, to help in making the church aware of its Special Interest Missionaries.

III. Be aware of possibilities for recruitment, especially of single women, for missionary service.

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies could use more than twenty-five single women at this time to fill important places which can be filled only by single women. This is doubtless true, also, of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. See that the challenge is presented to the young women of your church. Because we are part of the division of Missions this should be our special responsibility.

In Addition

Three emphases are suggested for the chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries for 1959-1960. Each chairman, however, probably has many more emphases that she uses as she works for the Specials assigned to her church.

Plan to attend as many conferences as possible. You will not only receive help and inspiration for your own job but you can help others by sharing successful projects.

Plan an exhibit of your Specials and the work they are doing. One church with a missionary from Japan, as one of the Specials, arranged, during the month of the Special's birthday, a very interesting display. Her picture, taken from a pen sketch, was mounted on a large cardboard. It was surrounded with other pictures of curios from Japan. This display, which attracted much attention particularly of the young people, carried the caption, "Our Special of the Month."

Programs

In the 1959-1960 Program Packet, "Greater Works Shall Ye Do," there is a leaflet entitled, "These Are Our Own." We are very happy that this leaflet which gives us the material for two programs on Special Interest Missionaries—"This Is Your Life," and "Remembrances of a Life of Service," is available and we believe you will want to make use of it. Use these programs in your society, in your circle meetings, and in your association meetings. Ask for a demonstration of one of the programs at your state house party. Use the programs in order that our Specials shall be in the minds and hearts of all our women.

Possibly the pastor or the missions committee in your church would make use of these programs at a Sunday evening or mid-week service, or possibly in connection with your church's School of Missions.

To the Program Packet Committee of the state of Washington, we owe a vote of thanks for giving us this added help for our programs on Special Interest Missionaries.

Important

Read carefully the directions printed in the leaflet "These Are Our Own." Note especially the instruction: "Do not write directly to the missionary."

It is readily seen that the missionary could not possibly answer all the requests should they come directly from the local societies and churches which are planning to present these programs.

Use the following resources, indicated in the leaflet,

for the facts necessary for the presentation of the programs:

1. *A Book of Remembrance*

2. Pen Sketches. These may be secured at five cents each from the state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries; *or* from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Public Relations Department, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, for foreign missionaries; *or* from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Division of Interpretation and Support, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, for home missionaries. **Please note carefully:** The American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies prepare a separate pen sketch for *each* missionary. If a pen sketch of a husband *and* wife is desired, send ten cents: five cents for each sketch.

3. Newsletters from Missionaries. From time to time most of our missionaries write a general newsletter which is sent to national headquarters where it is mimeographed for distribution. Your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries will be sent—on receipt of her order—one copy of each of the letters received from your Specials, provided the missionaries have sent letters to the national office. The state chairman will, in turn, make these letters available to the association chairmen. As you plan programs for your Specials in your church, contact your association chairman.

Recruitment

One of the important emphases for 1959-1960 is recruitment. As members of the division of Missions, we must assume some responsibility regarding recruitment. Are the youth of your church being challenged in their Baptist Youth Fellowship meetings and in the Fellowship Guild to engage in, and to dedicate themselves to, full time Christian service?

If your church has no Fellowship Guild, why not suggest to your board of education that one be organized. Could the members of the Woman's Society help in finding a counselor for the girls?

Do your young people attend the inspirational gatherings, such as the Baptist state camps and conferences or the conferences at Green Lake?

Does your church or your Woman's Society help them to attend by offering scholarships?

The following is quoted from an article in the "Student Volunteer Movement Newsletter":

"There are a number of reasons why single women missionaries are needed now and will continue to be needed in the years ahead. In many of the countries of the younger churches where the breakdown of the old forms of social organization is occurring, not only is the status and role of women changing radically, but also for the first time there are single women in these societies and their numbers are growing. Only a single woman can help them in many of the issues they have to face.

"In the lands of the younger churches where nationalism and suspicion of the West are strong, single women may become more acceptable than men, for they tend to be considered less politically involved than men. It is also the feeling of many of the national leaders in these countries that it is more possible for single women missionaries to work under indigenous leadership than for men missionaries."

This is an angle which might not have been considered. There is a great shortage and a specific need. Standards are very high; therefore, training must be thorough and examinations rigid.

Dates to Remember

→**June 4, 1959**—Woman's Day at the American Baptist Convention, Des Moines, Iowa. This is always a day of inspiration and instruction.

At the morning business session new officers and chairmen will be elected, and Miss Pearl Rosser, the new president of the Baptist Missionary Training School, will deliver the address.

Luncheon at noon will be by divisions. The members of the national division of Missions are looking forward to meeting many members of state, association, and local divisions of Missions. Your president will have details regarding reservations for the division luncheons.

→**July 11-18, 1959**—The National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin. The theme of the conference is **THE Church and You.** This will be the sixth national conference. The training and inspiration to be gained during such a week become a high point in one's life.

→ **August 8-15, 1959**—National Missions Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin. This is the time and place to meet missionaries, to learn of the most recent trends in the mission enterprise, to hear great missionary addresses. In short, it is the opportunity of the year for becoming informed regarding the missionary activities of the American Baptist Convention.

The Reason Why

In the 1958-1959 Annual Reports for the associations and states, no questions are asked about letters, cards, and gifts sent to Specials.

Why? Because . . .

- These remembrances are sent by the local societies.
- This is the procedure followed for White Cross and Love Gift offerings.
- The opportunity to send these items means much to the local women.
- It places a definite responsibility upon the local chairman of Special Interest Missionaries.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Do not look for early replies from the missionaries in response to your gifts. Remember that it takes a long time for packages to get to some parts of the world. Also remember that missionaries are *very* busy people and often compelled to use their letter-writing time for very urgent work.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: Ruth McKinney (Mrs. Wade McKinney)
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Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

I. Have a full complement of chairmen and meet with them at regular intervals, making sure that all the work in Love Gift, White Cross, and Christian Social Relations is being covered in the society.

If you have attained this goal in the past year, you must surely have become aware of the benefits derived from cooperative planning. During the coming year even greater results should be achieved through cooperative planning.

II. Send annual reports promptly to the association Vice-President of Christian Service. If possible, send before the deadline.

If an accurate account is kept of what is done in your division—when it is done—your reporting will be less difficult. If you have done an outstanding job on some project not listed on the blank, report it on a separate page and attach it to your annual report.

III. Attend local conferences, state house party, and, if possible, the National Women's Conference at Green Lake.

The leadership training emphasis for the year 1959-1960 comes within the scope of our division. It is in the area of Christian Social Relations. It will be most helpful if you, the local Vice-President of Christian Service, will attend, with your chairman of Christian Social Relations, the training sessions in your vicinity.

IV. Use your workbook; keep it up-to-date; pass it on to your successor.

If you did not receive a workbook from your predecessor, I hope you have prepared one during this year. Keep all material pertinent to the work of your office in it and pass it on to your successor. It is a very important tool for a new leader.

V. Have an active Guild of Intercessors.

Material for the promotion of this work will soon be available. This should be an important year for enlistment—to the service of the church—of those who are confined to their homes.

VI. Send one or more shipments of clothing—and at least one food donation—for Overseas Relief through Church World Service.

A larger quota of clothing per church will be needed this year if we are to secure the forty million pounds needed during the next three years. Let us make this not merely a contribution of what we don't need, but a *sharing of what we ourselves can use!*

VII. Take an active part in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The real business of the church is the saving of the lives of men, for now and hereafter. Christ came that all men might have life and have it more abundantly. Our division of Christian Service should enter heartily into this effort and serve wherever needed. In order to serve effectively, we must live our faith so that Christ may be seen in all that we do or say.

Let us give ourselves diligently to the attainment of these goals.

Friends in Christian Service

As we come close to the time of another annual meeting, many questions come to our minds. One asks herself: "Have I served to the best of my ability in the place to which I am assigned? Have I been a trustworthy steward of God's bounty? Have I kept an accurate record of the work done so that my report will be a true picture of the accomplishments of those who served with me? Is Christ's Kingdom any nearer reality in my community because of this year's work through my church?" If each Vice-President of Christian Service will answer these questions honestly, she will be prepared to do an even better and more effective job during 1959-1960.

Annual reports are holding an important place in our thinking at this time. The local report must reach the association Vice-President of Christian Service not later than April 15, and the association report should go to the state vice-president not later than April 23, in order that all reports may reach the national vice-president not later than April 30. If you cannot answer *all* of the questions, fill in what you can, by all means, and send your report on time. This is very important in order not to clog the final stages in reporting the work of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Christian Service Luncheon

Division luncheons are included in the plans for Woman's Day, June 4, 1959, in Des Moines, Iowa. Arrangements for these division luncheons are being made in locations convenient to the Veterans Auditorium where the National Council of American Baptist Women's morning business session and afternoon program on Christian Higher Education are being held.

Sufficient time is being allowed for a luncheon to be served at tables and for a program which will be helpful to all members of our division of Christian Service. Missionaries will be present, too, as our special guests.

We are eager that every member of our division, who possibly can, will be in Des Moines for Woman's Day, June 4, and will attend the luncheon for the division of Christian Service. Encourage your counterparts and suggest that the chairmen in your division encourage their counterparts to join us on Woman's Day in Des Moines. If you have a suggestion, an experience or a problem to share, please write to me at 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland 20, Ohio. It may be that we could give them a place in our program to the benefit of many.

May I look forward to seeing you in Des Moines?

"Guild of Intercessors"

In the last issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, you were told that an announcement would be made at this time regarding the availability of the cards and certificates to be used in promoting the "Guild of Intercessors." These cards and certificates will go on sale at the American Baptist Convention in June. They will be sold in packets, probably ten to a packet. The price has not yet been determined, but we assure you it will be reasonable. A letter, giving full details, will reach you so that orders for these cards and certificates may be placed by the time they are available for distribution. It has been gratifying to note the interest in this venture as expressed in letters coming from many sections of our Convention.

Why not begin now making plans to reach those who cannot go regularly to church and to enlist them in this service of prayer? Two churches, about which I know, have a regular service, at least annually, to which they bring the aged, blind, and otherwise handicapped people. Dinner is served at the close of the service. Volunteers use their cars for transportation. The members of the congregation are always moved and lifted spiritually by this service.

Why not begin now to plan for such a service in your church? Following the dinner suggest that those present may wish to form a Guild of Intercessors. Have cards available for those who wish to become members. Certificates could be presented, after a period of time, in the home of each member by the visitor in charge of the Intercessors. Then, too, there are some members who are unable to leave their homes. Some may not be able to leave their beds. Yet among these may be your most devoted Intercessors.

There are no hard and fast rules for membership. You can make your own plans. The above is merely a suggestion. As thoughts come to you for promotion of this idea, please send them to me. What a potential of unlimited power lies in the service to be rendered by those who give much of their time to prayer!

Clothing

One year of our activity to relieve the suffering caused by insufficient clothing overseas is past. Three months of the second year of the drive have also passed. The need continues; the need increases! Are you continuing to urge the collection of good used clothes, especially for men and boys? Are you emphasizing *good* used clothing? If a garment is so worn and so torn that it is of no use here, we certainly do not want to offer it to those who have so little. Those who receive our gifts see in them the quality of our love.

If your church is in a city, have you sought information from your Church Federation or Interdenominational Council, regarding delivery of your boxes to the points of collection nearest to you? One such Federation has provided "pick up" stations at several of the churches on both sides of the city. To these churches the boxes are taken and on certain days the trucks furnished by the Church of the Brethren collect and transport the clothing to the nearest Church World Service Center. Sometimes other trucking companies are willing to transport the clothing at a very reasonable cost. Such a pick-up service eliminates--or reduces--the *addition* of this transportation cost to the eight cents per pound, contributed by the donor, which is still needed for processing the clothes at Church World Service clothing centers and for getting clothing from the centers to the ports.

"Inasmuch"

When it was announced in the last issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN that we would cease the promotion of "Inasmuch" as our division's Manual, we meant that we would print no more copies of "Inasmuch" and that we would not urge the use of the projects it contained, and that there would be no questions concerning the use of this manual on the annual reports for 1958-1959.

However, if there are projects in "Inasmuch" which your society wishes to continue, there is no reason for you not to do so. Particular mention has been made of nylons for Japanese widows. This is a worthy effort and you will certainly be serving when you collect and send used nylon hosiery as indicated on page 43 in "Inasmuch."

"The Greatest of These"

"The Greatest of These," a new Love Gift play will be available at American Baptist bookstores[1] early in June, 1959. The price is 25 cents.

Your Interest Is Needed

How are you getting along with the Love Gift in your church, association, state? Do all that you can to help your chairman in having monthly offerings and reportings.

Have you checked with your chairman of White Cross to see whether her quotas have been met? It is one of your major responsibilities to help all the chairmen in your division to make their area of work successful.

In these changing, challenging times, the work of Christian Social Relations is most important. Encourage your chairmen in this field to promote the application of the teachings of Christ in every day living. This is the only solution to the problems of our day.

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[1] American Baptist bookstores are located at: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: Ruth Wager (Mrs. Lester P. Wager)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For the Chairmen of the Love Gift

I. Every American Baptist woman including the Love Gift offering as a part of her daily personal devotions.

II. The opening of the Love Gift boxes as an act of worship and the rededication of our lives and our gifts at each monthly meeting of the Woman's Society.

III. Monthly remittances of the Love Gift money channeled through the society and church treasurers to the proper state Convention office, together with complete and accurate reports sent monthly to the association chairman of the Love Gift.

IV. Every local chairman of the Love Gift thoroughly informed regarding the scope and the purpose of the Love Gift as well as her own specific duties as the chairman of the Love Gift.

V. On the part of every woman, a greater vision of world missionary outreach, related to the Love Gift which helps to make possible the expansion of the work of the Kingdom of God.

How to Achieve Our Goals

I. Include the Love Gift in daily devotions. Encourage every woman in the church to accept a Love Gift box. Individual participation is the very essence of the Love Gift. When our giving is surrounded by our own personal prayers, miracles can happen. Every day specific prayers should be offered for one of our ten American Baptist foreign mission fields or for a definite home mission project. The Love Gift offering may then be placed in the box. Such daily tokens will bind us personally, through our prayers and our offerings, to all nations where we have mission work.

The Love Gift box may also become a part of family devotions. The box may be placed beside *The Secret Place* and the Bible. As the family worships, the members may give substance to their devotions by sharing the love of Christ with others through their Love Gifts.

These plans may be presented by brief challenging talks at the Woman's Society meetings. We suggest that the following message be mimeographed and sent out with a Love Gift box to reach every woman in the Woman's Society:

Dear _____:

This is your Love Gift box. Through it you can accomplish miracles! You can tell the love of God. You can teach His Word. You can help to heal broken bodies and to bring more abundant life. In the name of Jesus Christ *you* can transform lives.

How can you accomplish all this? Each day as you thank God for his countless blessings, place a coin, as a token of your thankfulness in your Love Gift box to help take the message of the love of God around the world. Offer your gifts with your prayers, then miracles will begin. This money put in use through our American Baptist World Mission helps to take the good news of the Saviour to people in India, Burma, Thailand, the Belgian Congo, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, Latin America, and throughout the United States. Your Love Gifts assist in maintaining Baptist schools, churches, and mission hospitals where converts are won to Christ.

The meaning of the Love Gift is much more than a mere offering of money. It is a means of expression. It expresses your love for God and your gratitude for his love for you. It is also an expression of your love for others.

Our Woman's Society will be gathering in, and dedicating the Love Gifts each month at our regular meetings. We hope you will attend and bring the Love Gift box with you. If you cannot attend, call the chairman of the Love Gift. She will arrange for someone to pick it up for you. Every woman in our church may share in the blessing that will come to her and to others through these gifts of love.

Thank God through your Love Gifts and help to expand the work of his kingdom on earth.

Yours in His service,
(signature)
Your Chairman of the Love Gift
Address and Telephone Number

II. Dedicate the Gifts Monthly. Offerings to God are an acceptable form of worship. Dedicated gifts lend substance to our worship and are an essential part of Christian lives. Offered with gratitude, we ask God's blessing upon our gifts that they may become the means of helping other lives to come to know of His love. Monthly dedication services can inspire our women with a greater desire to participate with deeper love and to contribute more generously.

The booklets of "Love Gift Dedication Services" offer material for worship services as they portray the various mission fields for which the money is used. Order booklets *No. 2* and *No. 3* from your nearest American Baptist bookstore. Price, 35 cents for *No. 2* and 40 cents for *No. 3*.

III. Remit and Report Monthly. Immediately after the monthly Love Gift is received the chairman of the Love Gift should record the amount in her Love Gift checkbook, filling in the slips for the church treasurer and for the association chairman of the Love Gift. The money is then sent—together with the proper slip—by the treasurer of your Woman's Society to the church

treasurer. The church treasurer, in turn, sends this money, *each month, noting that it is the Women's Love Gift,* to the state Convention office where regular contributions of the church to the Unified Budget are received. The *center section* of the report slip should be mailed *promptly to the association chairman of the Love Gift.*

Love Gifts should not be sent to the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

It is vitally important that complete and accurate reports shall be sent by the local chairman to the association chairman of Love Gift. The compilation of our state and national reports depends upon these checkbook report slips. For a more detailed account of reporting the Love Gift see page 35 in the April, 1959, issue of *Missions.*

IV. Informing every local chairman. It is the responsibility of the state and association chairmen of the Love Gift to see that every local chairman is informed of the purpose and the scope of the Love Gift and of her specific duties. New members are constantly being elected and need to be trained for their task. Send letters and leaflets on the Love Gift frequently. Stress the importance of maintaining a workbook which contains all current Love Gift materials, the Leader's Guide and pages from THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, the monthly and annual reports, and recent letters from her counterpart.

In addition to letters, leaflets, and workbook, the personal contacts made in state or association conferences for chairmen of the Love Gift are invaluable. Unfortunately, all too often states and associations do not allow sufficient time for personal conferences in their regular meetings. All too often, too, sufficient space is not available to afford a separate room for a conference for each area of work. For a successful conference, a separate room is essential.

Association chairmen often find it advisable to hold a separate conference for their local chairmen once a year, preferably right after elections. This conference may be held either in the home or church of the association chairman. It may be an all day meeting with a sandwich luncheon. Wherever this plan has been tried it has been exceedingly helpful.

Agenda

For State or Association Love Gift Conference

What should be on the agenda of a conference for chairmen of the Love Gift in order that they may become thoroughly informed for their task?

1. *Prayer.* Thank God for the privilege of sharing in the work of his ongoing kingdom through the offering of our gifts of love. Ask him to bless and multiply the gifts as they go forth to proclaim his love.

2. *Introductions.* Have each woman introduce herself and tell the name and location of her church.

3. *Purpose and Procedures of the Love Gift.* For women who are new to the work explain the purpose of, need for, and use of, the Love Gift money and the procedures for remittance and reporting. Brief explanations may be found on the front pages of the "Love Gift Dedication Services" and on the report checkbooks.

4. *Presentation of Love Gift Materials.* Display copies of all current Love Gift materials listed in "Literature Highlights" or in recent letters from the state or national chairman, and pages on Love Gift from THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Give a brief synopsis of their contents. Allow time for the women to examine them later. Distribute a mimeographed list of materials and be sure to state where materials may be obtained.

5. *Leader's Guide,* printed in the March, 1958, issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, Volume II, No. 2. Discuss the specific duties of a chairman with special emphasis upon the points at which your chairmen are weak. In most associations there is a need to stress the distribution of boxes to every woman in the church, monthly openings to increase gifts and the greater use of the books of "Love Gift Dedication Services." A supply of boxes should be on hand for distribution. Emphasize the importance of sending the money monthly and of sending the monthly report slips. Emphasize, also, the importance of maintaining an up-to-date workbook and working as a member of the division.

6. *Participation.* Allow ample time for participation by the women. Ask such leading questions as: What is your most successful means of increasing gifts? Describe the best Love Gift dedication service which you have had in your society. How do you publicize and promote the Love Gift?

7. *Demonstration of Love Gift Dedication Service.* Plan and conduct a demonstration service using one selected from the current book. This should be planned in advance by two or three of the chairmen and presented effectively by using an appropriate worship center. At its conclusion dismiss the meeting with prayer.

8. *A Greater Vision of World Missionary Outreach.* We can inspire our women with a greater vision of world missionary outreach through more adequate presentations of our American Baptist world missions. To understand the opportunities and the tremendous needs on all of our home and foreign mission fields is to be challenged to meet these needs with a greater dedication of our lives and our gifts. The effective use of the excellent materials in our Program Packets in society meetings and of the programs for circles each month in *Missions* magazine will broaden our visions. Correspondence with our special interest missionaries adds the personal touch. The reading of *Missions,* the *Crusader, A Book of Remembrance* and our other American Baptist literature informs and inspires the women. Attendance at as many national, state, and association meetings as possible brings an added challenge to more active participation in our world-wide American Baptist missionary projects. All of this information and inspiration can be related to the Love Gift as it is used to expand our world mission at home and abroad.

NATIONAL LOVE GIFT GOAL FOR 1959
$515,000
TO BE EXCEEDED

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: Pauline Brownell (Mrs. A. T. Brownell)
National Chairman of White Cross
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 125 South Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois

Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For the Chairmen of White Cross

I. Stimulate interest in the White Cross work and encourage each woman in the church to participate in filling the quota assigned to your society.

II. Use Pen Sketches, *Missions, Crusader,* and *A Book of Remembrance* to help the members of your society to know the missionary to whom the finished quotas will be sent.

III. Follow the Manual and the latest shipping instructions *carefully* in filling the quota and in sending it on its way.

IV. Plan a service of dedication when the work is completed, recognizing that only as the work is blessed of God can it be a tool for his glory.

Reporting

Reports on the past year's work are nearing completion. We are very happy over the significant increase in the amount of work completed.

The following story helps us to understand how God is using these White Cross items to bring his children into his kingdom.

Glue, Paste, Crayons, Baseballs, Plus . . . And a Family Is Won to Christ

There are many incidents that occur in Christian Center work from the use of ordinary articles such as glue, paste, crayons, and other items which serve to show how Christianity is being taught in a program of creative activity. Tommy, who came to play baseball, figures in one of these incidents.[1]

Tommy is a boy of twelve, with two older brothers and two younger children in the family. His mother and father find it difficult to furnish even the necessities of life and certainly none of the extras which make life more enjoyable. Tommy played baseball well and made our junior team. He became interested in our Boys' Club and soon asked many direct questions regarding why we were doing this kind of work, who was paying for it, what strings were attached to membership in the Center, and did John the Baptist found our church?

Tommy responded quickly to the friendship and responsibilities offered to him. One Family Night he brought his parents and two younger brothers. They were interested in us because Tommy was so vitally interested. They eventually gave permission for him to attend our Sunday church school and within a short time they, too, began to attend, though they usually went directly from our service to Mass.

It was not long before we found that the parents asked as many and as pertinent questions as did Tommy. They wanted to know about our church and how we believed in Christ. What is our thought regarding the Virgin Mary, the Pope, and the local priest? The mother attended our Woman's Club for painting and also our Woman's Missionary Society meetings. The father, at first, just stood around and then began to help with the coaching of our football team. Mother and father attended prayer meeting and Bible study and we supplied them with a Bible which had been given to us for that purpose. In a short time they were attending all of the meetings of the church and of the Center and soon Tommy's mother and father talked with the missionary about accepting Christ as their Saviour and Lord, and joining our church. This was a new experience for them, and they found an overwhelming joy and peace in it all. Soon Tommy and his older brother, Billy, also made a decision for Christ as their personal Saviour.

Crowded into these lines is a story that could become a book. Yet it is a story that is not in the least uncommon for this is but one of many such families who found Christ in a Christian Center. Tommy began by playing baseball; working with sandpaper and nails, while "putting up" with our prayers and devotional remarks. Finally he became interested enough to ask questions. Doubtless he spread the word to his family better and quicker than we possibly could have done. Probably they would not have listened to us as readily as they listened to Tommy, their son.

Filmstrip Available After Convention

"With Our Hands," a color filmstrip with manuscript, is an inspiring story of two White Cross packages—one for overseas missions and one for home missions.

You will meet first with the missionary society as the women roll bandages and prepare other items to be packed in the White Cross boxes. Next you see a Hopi Indian Mission in Arizona where a quilt gives warmth and joy to a boy, and a pretty dress delights a little Indian girl. The second package travels across the ocean to

[1] This joyful experience took place at the Grace Christian Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. It was recorded by a missionary there and shared with us by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

Congo where you see the bandages, the Bible pictures, and the surgeon's gowns being put to good use.

Here is a story that will show how White Cross serves a valuable purpose the world around. Order "With Our Hands" from your nearest Baptist Film Library: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California. "With Our Hands" may be purchased for $5.00. *Available on June 11, 1959.*

Dedication Services

We are indebted to Dr. C. C. Meeden, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Haverhill, Massachusetts, for sharing with us two dedication services prepared by him for his congregation. One is for Overland White Cross, the other for Overseas hospital supplies. You may wish to combine the two for one service of dedication when your quota is completed.

Dedication of Overland White Cross Work

Minister: Since Christ, who had compassion on the multitude, has moved us to show an increasing concern for our North American neighbors, let us now proceed to dedicate the Overland White Cross assignment of our church.

In the name of Him who said, "I was hungry and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger and ye took me in. I was in prison and ye came unto me,"

People: We dedicate this Overland White Cross.

Minister: In order that we might demonstrate our love for those from Alaska to Puerto Rico who have needs of body, mind, and soul,

People: We dedicate this Overland White Cross.

Minister: That the request for supplies from the missionaries of our American Baptist Home Mission Societies might be met, and that we might provide for them the tools with which to work in schools, Christian Centers, clubs, and other activities.

People: We dedicate this Overland White Cross.

Minister: In order that we might give a practical demonstration of breaking down the barriers between national, racial, and cultural groups, and to demonstrate our oneness in Jesus Christ our Lord,

People: We dedicate this Overland White Cross.

Minister: In recognition of the women of our church, whose Christian dedication and whose labor of love has made possible the preparation of these gifts,

People: We dedicate this Overland White Cross.

Prayer: (in unison) Our Heavenly Father, establish thou the work of our hands, establish thou it. May the gifts of love which we dedicate today bring joy to many forgotten people and please our Saviour who declared, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Amen.

Dedication of Overseas White Cross Work

Minister: Since God in his goodness has permitted us to share in the ministry of healing to multitudes overseas, let us proceed to dedicate the White Cross assignment of our church.

In the name of Him who said, "I was hungry and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger and ye took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me. I was sick and ye visited me. I was in prison and ye came unto me,"

People: We dedicate this White Cross work.

Minister: In recognition of the women of our church who gave so freely of their gifts of self, time, money, and talent, that our witness for Christ might be extended to other lands,

People: We dedicate this White Cross work.

Minister: To the end that we might make more effective the work of medical missionaries who minister in our American Baptist hospitals overseas,

People: We dedicate this White Cross work.

Minister: That suffering might be alleviated, and that healing might come to the bodies and souls of those served by our overseas missionaries,

People: We dedicate this White Cross work.

Minister: For the strengthening of our overseas ministry and the cooperative work of American Baptists around the world,

People: We dedicate this White Cross work.

Prayer: (in unison) Our Heavenly Father, establish thou the work of our hands. The work of our hands, establish thou it. May these gifts which we dedicate today bring light and life to those in darkness, and may this expression of goodwill and understanding be multiplied until Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done. Amen.

Missionaries, Our Guests in Des Moines

You who are planning to attend the American Baptist Convention in Des Moines will be looking forward to Thursday, June 4, when American Baptist women will gather in the morning in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium for the annual business meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women and again in the afternoon for a program emphasizing the Christian Higher Education Convocation.

Division luncheon meetings are being planned at nearby hotels and churches. The Division of Christian Service will have, as guests, at least one home missionary and one foreign missionary. There will be a showing, also, of the new filmstrip, "With Our Hands," at the luncheon of the division of Christian Service.

Surely all White Cross chairmen will want to attend the luncheon for the Division of Christian Service. Watch for the announcement in your state paper.

Develop Your Resources

The posters distributed to encourage attendance at the Sixth National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 11-18, 1959, advise us to develop our resources. There will be a period each day when the chairmen of White Cross will be given opportunity to meet with the national chairman of White Cross.

Do not delay! Send your registration to the Registrar, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: Nymah Vaux (Mrs. Harvey E. Vaux)
National Chairman of Christian Social Relations
Department of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

I. Read, Study, and Pray that God will guide you in this challenging work. Feel called of God for this task and for this hour.

II. Use the materials prepared for you:

- The new pamphlet "So You Are the Chairman of Christian Social Relations." This leaflet takes the place of "Objectives."
- The "Group Conversation Packet." This packet, prepared for the Leadership Training emphasis for 1959-1960 includes: the handbook "Know Your Neighbors," by Rachel DuBois and Mew-soong Li; the Baptist primer, "Around the World by Group Conversation," prepared by the department of Christian Friendliness of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies; and a "Guide for Leadership Training Conference in Christian Social Relations." Order the "Group Conversation Packet" from your nearest American Baptist bookstore. Price, $1.25.
- The American Baptist Woman; *Missions; The Church Woman; Crusader.*
- The "Resolutions of the American Baptist Convention."
- The items prepared by the department of Christian Friendliness of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and by the Council on Christian Social Progress.

III. Attend the Leadership Training Conference to be held in your association during 1959-1960, with particular emphasis on Christian Social Relations. Your state and association officers will conduct this training session, presenting a new method called "Group Conversation." It will be your responsibility to seek out the places and ways in which this technique can be used, during the five years of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, with students from abroad, or with other strangers within your fellowship.

IV. Work with—and through—a committee of concerned women. It may be the members of your division of Christian Service. It may be other women, members of your society. But choose women who are dedicated to bringing about a better world, who will act, who desire to be helpful. Urge them to be alert to the needs about them. Enlist their help in special projects.

V. Keep the annual report form before you, in order that you may know the activities on which you are to report at the end of each year.

VI. Choose at least one new project each year. If, and when that project is completed, choose a second. Repeat those with which you have had previous success.

VII. Plan a Christian Social Relations Brunch. (Refer to The American Baptist Woman, Volume I, No. 3, September, 1957.) These brunches may be held for the purpose of discussing various concerns: The American Baptist Resolutions; United Nations; Human Rights; Citizenship; Elections; Race Relations; Legislation, being mindful that 1960 is a Presidential election year in our country.

VIII. Affiliate, where possible, with a community group concerned with good government, such as the League of Women Voters.

IX. Be responsible for racial and cultural relationships:

Work toward an Integrated Church. Seek opportunities for fellowship with people of other races. It is desirable to make an individual friend of at least one person of another race.

Find the Indian Americans now moving into your area. Invite them to your church; make them a part of your fellowship; include them in community activities.

Locate and give help to the Overseas Brides who are still coming into our communities. Many of these young women are lonely and need your help with English, cooking, housekeeping, and so forth.

Migrants are in all parts of our country. Work with the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches in your area and learn how your church may serve the Migrants.

Students and technicians from abroad are found in, or near, every community. They are here studying and seeking to understand the United States. Let us be sure that they find a Christian country! *This is a foreign mission field in a home mission environment.*

Spanish-speaking Americans are now the largest minority in the United States. They may be Puerto Ricans, Nicaraguans, Cubans, or Mexicans. Share your Baptist faith with them. Our Spanish-American Seminary in Los Angeles is the only seminary for Spanish people in the country. Find out what you can do to help it.

International Christian Youth Exchange, better known as ICYE, is a church-sponsored program of cultural interchange for high school young people. It is a two-way exchange: home-to-home or congregation-to-congregation. Write to the department of Christian Friendliness,

American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, for more information.

X. Cooperate with reliable groups in your area on problems such as delinquency, alcoholism, narcotics, housing, fair employment practices, mental illness, and schools. For wise community action it is often necessary to cooperate with reliable and well-established groups in the area. The Christian community in action means YOU!

The Aged are in every church. Perhaps they need some kind of an interest group or special activity. Call on them; find out their needs; then help.

Legislation is the concern of every Christian. Keep informed on pending legislation in the light of the "American Baptist Convention Resolutions" on current issues.

The United Nations needs your support and interest. Provide at least one program a year on this organization which serves all people of the world. Take leadership in seeing that your church participates in "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF.

XI. Promote the observance of Special Days and Seasons, such as World Communion Sunday, World Community Day, United Nations Week, Human Rights Day, Brotherhood Month, Race Relations Sunday, and May Fellowship Day.

XII. Refugees are still coming and will need sponsorship, although the number is limited. Through Church World Service there will be possibly six thousand Dutch Indonesians immigrating to this country in 1959. There are orphans in Hong Kong available for adoption. Write to the department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Keep informed regarding new legislation on immigration.

CARE packages are good, but you can get much more for your dollar if you send your gift through the BYF "Share Our Surplus" project. Write to the Baptist Youth Fellowship, 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

XIII. Seek opportunities to report your activities in Christian Social Relations to your society and church. Let them know that you are *alive!*

XIV. Be alert to new ways in which to present your concerns. Refer to "So YOU"—the new Christian Social Relations pamphlet.

Leadership Training Conference for 1959-1960

The leadership training emphasis for the program year 1959-1960 is in the area of Christian Social Relations—our area. Group Conversation, a method which is related to the Baptist Jubilee Advance, is the technique which will be used in the leadership training conferences. Insights gained from Group Conversations will help the chairman of Christian Social Relations, volunteers, and members of the division of Christian Service in their continuing outreach into the community.

First there will be a training session set up for state and association vice-presidents of Christian Service and Christian Training, chairmen of Leadership Training and Christian Social Relations, and Presidents. These officers and chairmen will, in turn, set up a training session for their local counterparts. Materials will be available for you to study and to use as guides. (Refer to section two of the Emphases.) Start making plans now to attend this training session which will be held in your state and in your association during the program year 1959-1960. Your state or association president will tell you the dates. Reserve the time!

There are sixty million persons in the United States who have no contact with the Church. They need to know Jesus Christ. We can help them by offering our friendship and fellowship to them.

"How Much Is Enough?"

This is the theme for May Fellowship Day, May 1, 1959. Church women across the nation will come together to consider economic questions and to consider how these questions relate to Christian values in the home, in the community, and in the world. The Christian woman is a steward of her income, of her expenditures, and of the natural resources of her country and of the world. How she handles this stewardship—wisely or unwisely—should be her concern.

Miss Elsie Harper, former director of Christian World Relations for United Church Women, has written the resource book for the study of the theme. She suggests that consideration be given to the following three questions:

1. What is enough for a decent standard of living for any family?
2. What is my own standard of living and what do I and my family consider enough for our needs?
3. Does the rest of the world have enough?

You, as chairman of Christian Social Relations, should urge your women to attend this meeting and should enlist their interest in these vital problems facing our world. Why not serve—or volunteer to serve—as a member of the planning committee for the May Fellowship Day meeting?

The 86th Congress

When the 86th Congress convened in January, 1959, it brought into sharp focus many vital issues. The way in which these issues are settled is important to us.

"If Christians fail to speak now," as indicated in our American Baptist Resolutions, "to the great issues that confront our world, we may very well forfeit the right to influence the future course of history and we shall most certainly betray the Gospel of Jesus Christ who died for all mankind." Remember that your Congressmen are eager to know your opinions. They are influenced by your letters, cards, and telegrams.

"The Church," says Dr. Alexander Miller, Professor of Religion at Stanford University, is a community of worship, of doctrine, of discipline, and of outreach. Worship is the expression of feeling in the life of the church. Doctrine is the mind at work. Discipline is the life together, conforming the daily life to the profession of the church. Outreach is into the Family, the Economic Order, the Political Order, the Cultural Community." Bring important issues to the attention of your church members! Urge them to write individually to their Congressmen!

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: Ruth Rohlfs (Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs)
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Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

In order to bring into focus the 1959-1960 emphases which follow, let us review our Purpose, which is:

→ To supervise, correlate, and promote the work of the division of Christian Training.

→ To arouse concern and to initiate in the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society a program for the training of the women in Christian beliefs, Christian living, and Christian leadership. Such a program is to be created through the areas of Spiritual Life, Family Life Education, and Leadership Training for Women.

The Emphases

I. Study the Leader's Guide for the Vice-President of Christian Training. The points therein are an essential background for effective effort.[1]

This is the moment to see that your division secures, if at all possible, its full complement of chairmen. In the immediate future meet with your chairmen and together read through the Leader's Guide for *your* office, as well as the Leader's Guide for each chairman.

With the Guides for reference, read aloud the emphases for 1959-1960 for each of the four areas of work (yours as well as those of your three chairmen in the division of Christian Training) as printed in this issue of The American Baptist Woman.

Discuss when and how you plan to accomplish this year's emphases during the next twelve months. The achievement of certain goals may fall into one month or two; the others may need continuous emphasis throughout the year. At this time prepare your division's activities calendar for the year. Mark off squares for each month, posting your goal projects, planning periods, meetings, report preparation and deadline dates, and so forth, along with the names of those responsible for each phase of each activity.

II. Hold at least four division meetings during the program year, planning dates, location, notification, and distribution of agendas in ample time for full participation by division chairmen.

Check last year's goals for suggestions that you may wish to incorporate in the plans for this year.

III. Work with your chairman of Leadership Training in carrying responsibility for the planning and execution of the annual emphasis for leadership training.

The leadership training emphasis each year is related to our division through the chairman of Leadership Training. The Vice-President of Christian Training and the chairman of Leadership Training cooperate with the chairman whose area of work is being featured and with the vice-president of that particular division. During 1959-1960, we cooperate with the chairman of Christian Social Relations and the Vice-President of Christian Service in a project called "Know Your Neighbors." A new technique, called "Group Conversation," is being used. This technique appears to be simple, but the more you understand it and become aware of its possibilities and adaptability, the more you realize the need for skilled guidance. Training in leading a Group Conversation will be given to state and association leaders by members of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women. State and association leaders will, in turn, help local leaders to become skillful in the use of this technique. Don't fail to take advantage of this opportunity. You are one of the key people to see that Group Conversation in your society is successful.

IV. Be responsible with your chairman of Spiritual Life for challenging the members of your society to support and to participate in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

1. Discuss the Baptist Jubilee Advance with your pastor and president. Request representation by you or your chairman of Spiritual Life, or by both, on the Jubilee Advance Committee when the time comes for its formation in your church. Read all the available material on this subject.

2. Familiarize yourself with the 1959-1960 emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance which is "Mission to the Academic Community." This emphasis is also the 1959-1960 over-all emphasis of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Suggestions for the development of this emphasis are through . . .

a. "Group Conversations," using the contents of the "Group Conversation Packet," as a guide. Group conversations will place emphasis on the academic community by using foreign students whenever possible.

[1] Leaders Guides were printed in The American Baptist Woman, Volume II, No. 2, March, 1958. The complete set, printed in booklet form, is available at your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents. A copy of the guide for the Vice-President of Christian Training may be secured by writing to my home address.

b. Cooperation with and promotion of the Christian Higher Education Challenge (CHEC). The division of Christian Training has the responsibility of seeing that the Woman's Society plays an active part in this campaign, including membership on the church planning committee, interpretation to the circles, and so forth.

c. Study of *The Broken Wall,* the study book, on the Epistle to the Ephesians, written by Markus Barth for the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, $2.00.

V. Read *Learning Together in the Christian Fellowship,* by Sara Little, before August 15. Circulate to all society officers.

VI. See that all the areas of work of your division of Christian Training are interpreted adequately to the members of your society.

a. Attend board meetings of your society, reporting at least semi-annually on the current concerns and activities of your division. Prepare national report.

b. Relay to the officers and chairmen on the board of managers of your society, materials, references, and notices of training opportunities which will be helpful to them.

c. Request the members of the program committee of your society to include, in the over-all program of the year, a program on each area of work within your division. Be ready with ideas to make these programs interesting and fruitful.

d. Suggest to your division chairmen that each one prepares a program in line with her area of work, varying the techniques used and planning for audience participation. Advise the circles that these programs are available.

TAKE THE TEMPERATURE OF YOUR GROUPS[1]

A Group Is Healthy When. . .

1. All the members speak up about what they think.
2. Decisions are worked through until a general concensus of agreement is reached.
3. Well informed members contribute ideas in the area of their competence.
4. A member's value is judged by the merit of his idea.
5. The whole group handles questions that concern the whole group.
6. Major issues get major time.
7. Major issues evoke mature approaches to change and "working through."
8. Minor issues are settled with the attention they deserve.
9. Decisions reached by thorough participation are final and satisfactory.
10. Members really understand one another's ideas, plans, and proposals.
11. Members objectively center interest on goals and tasks.
12. The group carries forward in the performance of tasks and the achievement of goals.
13. The group works goalwise toward change.
14. Rewards and criticism are shared.
15. Initiative and responsibility are encouraged by growth in a sense of personal confidence, competence, and worth.
16. Search for help from all sources is continuous.
17. Information is fed back into the group.
18. The worth of persons is respected.
19. Experience is considered the occasion for growth in responsibility and love.
20. Action is God-related.

A Group Is Sick When. . .

1. A few members do all the talking.
2. Most members mumble assent.
3. Competent people sit silently by.
4. New people with good ideas are not listened to.
5. Decision-making is quickly referred to committees.
6. Minor issues consume the major time.
7. Minor and simple issues make people seethe and boil.
8. Major issues are passed over.
9. The same subjects, supposedly settled, coming up again.
10. Quick judgments are passed on issues people do not understand.
11. Members subjectively talk about people in scapegoating.
12. The group accomplishes little in absence of the chairman.
13. The group is afraid of change.
14. Rewards and criticism are concentrated on a few.
15. Initiative and responsibility are stifled by dependence.
16. No resources outside the group are drawn upon.
17. Little is told to the group.
18. The person is squelched in his expression and stunted in his growth.
19. Action lacks altitude and depth, remaining on the horizontal plane without vertical relationships to God.
20. Action is self-centered.

[1] "Take the Temperature of Your Groups," from *The Group Workshop Way in the Church* by Paul F. Douglass, is reprinted with the permission of the publisher, *Association Press, New* York. Price, $4.00.

The courtesy of the Association Press in granting us the privilege to reprint "Take the Temperature of Your Groups" is appreciated. Use this excellent diagnosis to determine the health of your groups.

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: Nadine Schultz (Mrs. Walter Schultz)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

I. Thank God for his opportunity of serving him and ask for his guidance. Read James 1:5.

II. Develop spiritual resources through . . .

1. Intensive Bible Study. Follow suggestions in leaflet, "Getting More out of Your Bible." Order from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York. Price, 100 for 50 cents. Use the Bible Book of the Month Plan as a supplement to your regular Bible study, reading the recommendation for the month at one sitting, if possible, for a better understanding of the book as a whole.

2. Deepening Prayer Life. Set aside a special time each day for prayer and communion with God. As Thomas Fuller expressed it, "Prayer, like manna, must *daily* be gathered." Plan for observance of Baptist Day of Prayer, December 4, 1959.

3. Use of *The Secret Place* and *A Book of Remembrance,* and the reading of devotional books and Christian classics. (List of devotional books may be ordered by writing to me at 930 Park Circle, Boone, Iowa. Please enclose ten cents for each list requested.)

4. Participation in a Prayer Fellowship Group. If there is no such group, form one with other seekers. The Holy Spirit can give insights to groups gathered in Christ's name that are rarely revealed to individuals.

One free copy of the booklet, "Prayer Groups," may be ordered from The United Prayer Tower, 1571 Grand Avenue, St. Paul 5, Minnesota. Additional copies are priced at ten cents each.

5. Evangelism. Participate in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

a. Take part in SESEE (School of Evangelism and Simultaneous Evangelism Effort) in your church.

b. Note that the main emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance from September 1959 to May 1960 will be *Mission to the Academic Community.* While this is an evangelistic effort on campuses, women should be urged to lend their support through prayer, by closer unity with their young people who are away in colleges, by aiding the Christian Higher Education Challenge, and by participating in Group Conversations.

c. Attend, if possible, Evangelism and Bible Conference, July 25 to August 1, 1959, at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Interest others in attending.

Dates in the Future

Our program year is almost over. You have worked hard. You have checked off your goals one by one. You have made a report and evaluated results. Now it is time to reward yourselves with inspiring and revitalizing experiences during vacation periods.

• Regard this as a personal invitation for you to come to the American Baptist Convention in Des Moines, June 4-9. You will enjoy the hospitality of Iowa. Be sure to schedule your arrival in time for Woman's Day, June 4. Plans have been made to make this a memorable day filled with inspiration and warm fellowship.

A long noon hour will permit time for us to be together at division luncheons where we may greet one another, enjoy an interesting program and meet missionaries who are present. Your president will have information concerning reservations for the division luncheons on Woman's Day.

An invitation has been extended to the men to join us during the afternoon of Woman's Day for a Christian Higher Education Convocation featuring well known speakers. Do come!

• Another highlight in events which should not be missed is the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 11-18.

Dr. Robert Handy, an American Baptist, member of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, New York, will conduct the morning Bible study. Miss Helen Turnbull, director of leadership training, United Church Women, will be the forum leader, and Mrs. Wade McKinney, vice-president of Christian Service, National Council of American Baptist Women, will lead the Vespers. Afternoon conferences will offer to officers and chairmen special opportunities for training. The evening programs will be varied.

BIBLE BOOKMARKS

The Bible Book of the Month Bookmarks for 1959 are available from the nearest American Baptist bookstore at the price of 20 cents for a dozen; 40 cents for fifty; or 60 cents for one hundred.

Prayer Calls for 1959-1960

For Our Mission Needs during . . .

May **Bible Book: Proverbs**

Pray for the officers and chairmen in our local, association, and state Woman's Baptist Mission Societies, and in the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Pray that Indian-American lay people may grow in leadership and may participate in the development of mature churches.

Pray that as women in the world gain more rights and opportunities that they may make it their first duty to build a Christian home and to rear their children "in the fear and admonition of the Lord."

June **Bible Book: James**

Pray that a concerned membership will attain the goal of our Christian Higher Education Challenge.

Pray that people will respond to the opportunities through local church school of evangelism to develop new understanding of the meaning of the Gospel and of a clearer realization of their own part as witnesses.

Pray that the Congolese people, as the study of the Belgian Congo begins, will use their rapidly increasing opportunities to the glory of God.

July **Bible Book: Deuteronomy**

Pray that new insight for "The Church in Tomorrow's World" may be revealed for town and country churches in the Convocation at Ames, Iowa, July 28-31, 1959.

Pray that the ministry of the boat evangelist in Kodiak may be extended to more of the island villages and that as the evangelist and his family settle in Ouzinkie, this ministry may become especially effective.

Pray for our doctors and nurses on the fields, both missionary and national.

August **Bible Book: II Kings**

Pray that there will be many opportunities for sharing the new insights and methods which are gained in summer conferences and at the house party with those who could not participate.

Pray that pastors and lay people in town and country may have insight and commitment for a victorious witness to people in rural areas.

Pray that the National Missions Conference (August 8-15) with its new program will be a great blessing.

September **Bible Book: John**

Pray that the program of our Woman's Baptist Mission Society may challenge every woman church member.

Pray that people in their home churches may provide encouragement for new Christians brought to Christ by chaplains in the Armed Services.

Pray for missionaries and national associates engaged in translations, revisions, the publication and distribution of Christian literature.

October **Bible Book: Esther**

Pray for the expansion of the work of the United Nations in bringing health and peace to the world.

Pray that on college and seminary campuses students may have a vital part in the "Mission to the Academic Community."

Pray for the building of a firm foundation in rapidly developing Thailand.

November **Bible Book: Colossians**

Pray for Divine guidance for leaders of our country.

Pray for Alaska that its development as a state may be grounded in righteousness.

Pray God's blessing upon the Protestant Centennial in Japan (November, 1959).

December **Bible Book: Matthew**

Pray that the families within our churches will help to reveal in the community, the nation, and the world the true meaning of Christmas.

Pray that new appointees needed for home mission fields may be found.

Pray for the most urgent needs in the Middle East and Africa as they are revealed in your newspaper.

January, 1960 **Bible Book: See *Crusader* or *Missions***

Pray that you may help some young person find a life of service in the ministry of the church or its mission to the world.

Pray for the president of the Baptist Missionary Training School and pray that the Baptist Missionary Training School may continue to provide leadership for our mission fields and churches.

Pray for new missionaries who have finished language study and are to begin their first mission work.

February **Bible Book: See *Crusader* or *Missions***

Pray that through "Group Conversations" we may be made aware of the needs of individuals in our community.

Pray that through the America for Christ Offering home missionaries may be better supported and the potential from winning youth may be realized.

Pray for overseas women leaders who are responsible for annual house parties and for women who, with their babies, will travel many miles on foot and by bus and by train to attend these house parties.

March **Bible Book: See *Crusader* or *Missions***

Pray that the nominating committees of the local, association, and state Woman's Societies, and of the National Council of American Baptist Women, may choose women of potential ability to serve as officers and chairmen.

Pray for Indian Americans and for the new Director of Indian Work that they may share a vital witness.

Pray for the hundreds overseas who will be baptized on Easter that they may become effective witnesses.

April **Bible Book: See *Crusader* and *Missions***

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the women who have assumed leadership in our circles and societies.

Pray that lay people will respond to the ministry of the new workers in Anchorage, Alaska, and that the new church there may bring the Gospel to many.

Pray that God's blessing will be given to the many classes, being held overseas, on Christian Home and Family Life.

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: Vivian Randle (Mrs. Stacy Randle)
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Chairmen of Family Life

You will see at a glance that our goals for 1959-1960 offer nothing new. However, we are hoping to give special attention to them during this year.

I. Encourage Family Worship in Every Home

"No time to worship." "Separate meal-times." "Lack of courage to initiate family worship." "Don't know what we believe." These and similar expressions are heard over and over again in conferences and workshops.

The tragedy of growing up in a home with "no time to worship" is seen in these words: "I asked my mother what God was like. She did not know. I asked my father, who knows more than anyone else in the whole world, what God was like. He did not know. I think if I had lived as long as my mother and my father I would know something about God."

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, has said: "Parents need to find God's plan for their own lives and then to lead their children to feeling that God has made these children for a purpose. Home is the place in which to begin. Sorrow and disappointment are a part of life, but adequate spiritual resources come out of a Christian home to help us in meeting life's strains."

Religious experiences in families may be of great variety as the following suggestions indicate:

- Singing hymns
- Story telling
- Watching a sunset or sharing other aspects of nature in family groups
- Family council, discussions
- Church worship in family groups
- Bible and devotional reading together
- Creative graces at meals, children taking turn

You will think of many other spontaneous, effective ways in which worship comes about in your own family. Refer to the article, "How to Get Started in Family Worship," printed in The American Baptist Woman, Volume I, No. 1, November, 1956, page 33.

II. Church Attendance as a Family

In New Testament times worship, religious nurture, and action were the shared tasks of home and church. Today our church-school literature *assumes* that this condition exists. But does it?

Some churches when asked what provision they make for family attendance at worship services say: "Welcome children of all ages." "Family sit together." Then a large number say frankly, "We haven't solved the problem; we ignore it."

Churches may need to plan for families to engage in corporate worship. The church may be over-organized into separate groups, leaving no opportunity to worship and to work together as a family; but the greatest responsibility for unsatisfactory church-home relationships still rests with families.

We have heard the expression "The church should not compete with the family." On the other hand, a Christian family serves its own best interest when it participates in the church program. A family studying Church school materials around the dining room table is doing church work.

In most cases it is up to the parents to decide what will be their family pattern of church attendance. If parents take their children to church school and then return home instead of attending the church service, they should not be surprised if their children reason: "Wait until we grow up. We'll stay home as mother and dad do now."

III. Encourage Mothers' or Parents' Discussion Groups

A somewhat full discussion of the how, why, what, and where to secure materials for mothers' and parents' discussion groups appears on page 33 of The American Baptist Woman, Volume III, No. 1, January, 1959. These study sessions may take place during morning coffee hours, a series of dessert meetings at night, or during the Sunday church school hour, and so forth. Perhaps your husband teaches a couple's class and you, also, are asked to assist in an elective course with a special Christian family accent. You will be pleased, and so will your husband, at the increased interest parents will show in a class where they are given the opportunity to ask specific questions, and where they may expect definite help in solving some of the problems that trouble them.

Remember that it is not necessary for the discussion leader to be an expert. The discussion leader does, however, need a good general knowledge of the subject, and must have source material where answers may be found.[1] It is important to give everyone a chance

[1] Quoted from *Living Is a Family Affair*. Available at American Baptist bookstores. Price, 50 cents.

to speak, and to maintain a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere.

IV. Present a Program in the Woman's Mission Society on Some Phase of Christian Family Living

Confer with the president and chairman of Program in your society about a date. If you decide on an evening program to include husbands, be sure to clear with the church calendar.[2] National Family Week, in May, is an excellent choice. See page for "Women" in the "Family Week Program Guide."[3]

Members of the Men's Fellowship may want to join the members of the Woman's Society in planning an evening meeting. A short play followed by discussion is a suggestion that might be appealing.

Refer also to THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, Volume II, No. 2, March, 1958, pages 33-34.

This Could Happen in Your Church

At Easter and again during the Christmas vacation college students will return to spend time with their families. There will be service personnel on leave, also. Talk with the church Counselor for Students and Service Personnel or your pastor about arranging a holiday dinner for these young people. One church planned such a dinner for the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day. A turkey dinner was served by members of the Woman's Society of the church.

Ask the chairman of Christian Social Relations to cooperate with you in inviting foreign students who may be on near-by college campuses.

"Friends Through Books"

In reporting reading for credit on our annual reports, we think of *books* read during the year. However, we should also list certain periodicals. One monthly magazine or one quarterly periodical will count as *one book. Hearthstone, The Baptist Leader, Missions, The Secret Place* or *The High Call* each counts as one book. We particularly urge the use of *The Secret Place* for family devotions, and *Hearthstone,* the family magazine, for articles and discussion guides adaptable to parents' groups of various types.

Dr. Bruce Mills, editor of *The Secret Place,* has likened the breakfast devotional period in families to a "winding of spiritual watches" in preparation for the day. He says in the turmoil and busyness of these times, young and old need additional strength to meet the challenges of the day with Christian composure and fortitude.

There *Is* Something New Under the Sun

A workshop or conference for grandmothers!

One of our most pressing responsibilities as parents is to prepare our children for free, independent living in homes of their own making. Leaving home is a part of growing up and a very significant part of life. Helping children to prepare for breadwinning, potential parenthood, and homemaking, challenges our greatest and most sincere efforts. We want our children to become mature adults; we want them to have the courage and ability to manage their own lives and later on their own families. These things being true, we must *desire* this growth and prepare ourselves for the time when they wish to cut the apron strings.

The "empty nest" period of married life can be one of great satisfaction. It offers an opportunity to return to the fellowship and closeness of early days of marriage. It gives us a chance, as one grandmother expressed it, to "enjoy our grandchildern without the care and responsibility of bringing them up."

Let us develop our hobbies; let us plan new activities for ourselves. Then we will have no time to concern ourselves too greatly in the lives of our children.

The church has a responsibility here also. Many older adults would welcome help in planning challenging new interests to bring opportunities for useful service and comradeship to the years of their "golden age." Such a group would doubtless include those free from the immediate duties of parenthood and also many others possibly without family ties.

Could you, perhaps, be the person to arrange for time and place where a group of older adults could meet to exchange ideas regarding their hobbies, to chat about their grandchildren, to exchange stories of past experiences, to play table games, to get together for an old-fashioned "hymn sing." Many would, no doubt, be eager, too, to take on some form of volunteer work for the church as well as for this group. Could not some one who reads aloud unusually well read to a group who are forced to conserve eyesight? If some wish to study, might it be possible to interest a volunteer teacher in a special field to conduct a class? The possibilities for a program of this kind are endless.

Something New Has Been Added

A workshop, "Getting Along in the Family," will be offered for the first time this year at the National Women's Conference, July 11-18, Green Lake, Wisconsin. A variety of program techniques—skits, movies, hand-puppets, and so forth—will be used to present the material for consideration. May I hope to see you in our workshop at the National Women's Conference?

Coming Attractions

June 4, 1959. Annual Woman's Day, Des Moines, Iowa. There will be an all-division luncheon where folk working in each division may come together.

July 25-August 1, 1959. National Frontier Family Camp offers "outdoor" type camping for families.

August 8-15, 1959. Perhaps for your family vacation this year you will be able to attend the National Young Adult Family Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Dr. Joseph John Hanson, director of Adult Work, says, "No program at Green Lake includes a more varied pattern of activities for family enjoyment, enrichment, and training under skilled leadership."

For information on these two family camps, write to the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

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[2] "This Is for You." Order from the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 5 cents.

[3] "Family Week Program Guide." Order from the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, 25 cents.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: Verda Albrecht (Mrs. William O. Albrecht)
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Chairmen of Leadership Training

I. Become Informed

Fortunately there is no limit to the capacity of the human mind for retaining knowledge. As active, participating Christian women we should be always on the alert for more and more information. Therefore, let us make it one of our goals to become better informed.

As the chairman of Leadership Training, suggest that your society purchase a book on Leadership Training. Then endeavor to have the book read by at least two thirds of the membership.

Let us never be content to attend our mission society meetings in the capacity of sitters, leaving the obtaining of knowledge and training, and the giving of service to a few. It is only as we study and obtain knowledge that we become interested in our women's work and desire to participate. God has given us our minds. Our part is to develop them for his glory.

II. Channel Materials

We have heard much about the necessity of passing on our materials. This is a vital matter. The importance of being clear channels through which materials, ideas, and information may freely flow cannot be given too much emphasis. When we realize that it is because of *us* that someone who needs the material and wishes to put it to use *may* or *may not* receive it, we will make sure that we do not clog the channel.

When information has finally reached *you* and *you* and *you*, do you file it away in a drawer or in your workbook and forget it, or do you take it with you to the meeting of your society and pass the information on to the other members?

Ask enthusiastically for time to share the ideas sent to you. Sharing can be such fun.

III. Hold Conferences

One of our duties as chairmen of Leadership Training is to hold training conferences in our local societies, association, and state for the officers and chairmen. The state chairman of Leadership Training, in cooperation with the president, should hold conferences for the state officers and chairmen. Likewise, the association chairman of Leadership Training conducts conferences for the association officers, and the local chairman of Leadership Training, for the local officers and chairmen. Local chairmen may wish to invite a team of state or association officers to carry on a job analysis workshop for them.

Training and planning conferences should be held *as soon as possible after election.* Such a conference offers excellent opportunity for making plans for the activities of the whole year, including the programs that are to be included in the calendar for the year. These suggestions should be given to the program committee. Activities and plans may then be included in the Yearbook.

IV. Act as Co-ordinator

We have discovered during the past few years that many women have been added to our membership through the circle plan. Groups should be kept small enough to be effective. Divide your circle—or circles—if the membership has increased sufficiently to make the division possible. As chairman of Leadership Training, *you* are the co-ordinator of the circle—or circles—and you should be alert always to new women who should be introduced to a circle and be made welcome by the circle members.

V. Prepare Agenda

Never underestimate the importance of an agenda. With an agenda, in the hands of the chairman and members of the committee, the business of the meeting will be cared for in an orderly and efficient manner.

An agenda in the hands of the members of a committee, prior to the time of meeting, provides an opportunity for the members to come well prepared and ready for intelligent discussion and decisions.

Our emphases—or goals—for 1959-1960 are five: To become informed; to channel materials; to hold conferences; to act as co-ordinator; to prepare an agenda for each meeting. Each goal is obtainable by each one of us. Shall we aim for 100 per cent achievement by chairmen of Leadership Training?

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is important! The members of this committee should be appointed at the beginning of the year. The committee will then have opportunity to give thoughtful consideration to the offices to be filled, and time to find those who are best qualified to serve in those offices.

The nominating committee should also fill vacancies which occur during the year.

Leadership Emphasis

During the year 1959-1960, the leadership training program will feature the work of the chairman of Chris-

tian Social Relations. The technique to be used is called "Group Conversation," and it is being related to the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Insights gained during these Group Conversations will help the chairman of Christian Social Relations, the members of the division of Christian Service, and volunteers as they continue their outreach into the community.

Group Conversation has proved itself to be an excellent means by which to . . .

- Integrate the new members in a society, in a church.
- Cultivate among all members, new and old, a deeper fellowship, a sense of belonging.
- Bridge the gap between age levels.
- Help the church to become interracial.
- Help to integrate the newcomer, such as the student from abroad, the refugee, the Indian American, and so forth.
- Reach out to the lonely, the forgotten.
- Create interfaith acquaintance.

Neighborliness is becoming a vanishing art. Working with organizations, clubs, groups, and so forth, has become a substitute for the neighborliness of the past. Group Conversations will help us to understand the people of all groups with whom we live and work.

Group Conversation is *not problem centered. It is person centered.* It is a way of reaching a new or a renewed sense of individual worth. Group Conversation has been found to break down prejudice and fear among people of different backgrounds, age, race, and cultures.

The committee making the plans for the leadership training program in the local society, the association, and the state, consists of the chairman of Leadership Training, the chairman of Christian Social Relations, the Vice-President of Christian Training, the Vice-President of Christian Service, the president (ex officio), resource persons, and advisers.

For the 1959-1960 Leadership Training Program, members of the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women and Christian Friendliness Directors will be used on a voluntary basis to train state boards and association planning committees.

The State Planning Committee, a member of the board of the National Council of American Baptist Women, and a Christian Friendliness Director will plan and conduct a training period for state board members and for Association Planning Committees.

The Association Planning Committee, together with a state board team designated by the State Planning Committee will plan and will conduct, in a central place in the association, a training session for the *entire association board* and for the *Local Society Planning Committees.*

The Local Society Planning Committee, together with an association team designated by the Association Planning Committee, will plan and conduct a training day for the local society, including the officers and chairmen, board members, pastor, and other interested persons.

Three Sessions, a Must

The training program for Group Conversation requires three full sessions. The sessions could be held on one afternoon, evening, and the following morning. It is a must that there shall be *three sessions.*

There is no short cut to becoming proficient in this technique. Training in less than three sessions will prove inadequate.

Adequate training is necessary if members of state boards and of association committees are to feel confident to carry on a successful training program for local society committees.

Group Conversation Packet

The packet prepared for leaders of Group Conversations includes:

→*Know Your Neighbors,* a handbook for group conversation leaders, by Rachel DuBois, Director of The Workshop for Cultural Democracy, and Mew-soong Li, Assistant Director of The Workshop for Cultural Democracy;

→*Around the World by Group Conversation,* a Baptist Primer on group conversation, by the Department of Christian Friendliness, American Baptist Home Mission Societies;

→*Guide for Leadership Training Conference in Christian Social Relations.*

Order "Group Conversation Packet" from your nearest American Baptist bookstore. Price, $1.25.

A New Leaflet

Watch for a new leaflet on the work of our division of Christian Training. This leaflet will be ready for distribution in June. It will bring to you some of the following information:

- Why there is a need for divisions.
- How our division fits into the framework of the National Council of American Baptist Women.
- What areas of the total program of the National Council of American Baptist Women are covered by our division.
- How members of the division work together.
- The dreams of the division.
- The opportunities of the division.
- How the work of the division, through the National Council of American Baptist Women, contributes to your church, your community, your state, your nation, the American Baptist World Mission.

We are fortunate to have this opportunity to present the program of the division of Christian Training through this leaflet which is one of a series of five leaflets covering the work of the five divisions.

Coming Events

June 4, 1959. Woman's Day. Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa. There will be a luncheon for our division. I hope to meet *you* there.

July 11-18, 1959. National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin. All states are being asked to send their chairmen of Spiritual Life and Leadership Training for special training on the emphasis for 1960-1961.

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: Golda Morford
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Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

Universal Goals

To help the employed woman find her place in a group of Christian business and professional women through which she can:

1. Develop spiritually, intellectually, and culturally.
2. Serve her church, community, nation, and world.
3. Recognize her opportunity to be a missionary in the business, professional, industrial, and academic world.
4. Build by developing daily enrichment within her life for a leisure which will be full, vital, and satisfying.

Specific Goals

I. My goals, as the Vice-President of Business and Professional Women in my *local* society are to:

1. Organize at least one group of employed women in my church, associated with the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.
2. Extend an invitation to every employed woman in my church to become a member of a business and professional women's group, and make a list of potential leaders for the nominating committee.
3. Cooperate in every way possible with the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and be familiar with the total program.
4. Attend as many of the following meetings as possible: Association and State Conventions; National Convention; and National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.
5. Become acquainted with my association Vice-President of Business and Professional Women.
6. Keep a workbook and file of materials to be given to my successor.

II. My goals, as the Vice-President of Business and Professional Women in my *association* are to:

1. Become acquainted with each local vice-president and to encourage her in her office as Vice-President of Business and Professional Women.
2. Make a survey of the employed women in the church where no business and professional women's group is organized and assist in organizing such a group.
3. Hold a rally or get-together for the employed women in the churches in my association at least once a year.
4. Forward information and materials received for my local vice-presidents.
5. Keep in contact with my state vice-president and share ideas and suggestions for this division with her.
6. Attend association meetings of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and present the plans and goals of this division.

III. My goals as the Vice-President of Business and Professional Women in my *state* are to:

1. Become acquainted with each association Vice-President of Business and Professional Women and to share with her plans for this division.
2. Hold a rally or retreat for all employed women in addition to the house party.
3. Forward information and materials received from the national Vice-President of Business and Professional Women to my association vice-presidents.
4. Keep in contact with the national Vice-President of Business and Professional Women and forward to her ideas and suggestions for the program of the business and professional women.
5. Attend state meetings of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and present the program for the division of business and professional women.

The Detroit Story

The ringing of the telephone is a pleasant sound in the daytime quiet of a house; but at night, in a house which has been unnaturally quiet so that one member of the family can get much-needed extra sleep, the ringing of that same telephone bell is sound crashing down about one's head. To stop it fast, one dashes to the telephone, knocking against tables and chairs, making far more noise than the bell itself. It may be only the beginning of the evening, but, by the time one gets that receiver off, stopping the bell, one's only thought is: "Why do people telephone in the middle of the night? Whatever they want, the answer is NO!"

Little did I think, as I dashed for the receiver at 9:30 P.M. in what seemed the middle of a September night, that I would come away from the telephone dedicated to a task which would take most of my time and energy

for the next four years. I had picked up the receiver in irritation. I laid it down in a spirit of dedication.

The call that night was from a member of the nominating committee of the Detroit Association Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Briefly, the message was as follows:

"I hesitate to ask you to carry more responsibility. I know that you already have enough; in fact, more than enough to keep you busy. However, we have a task.

"In Detroit there are many business and professional women, very few of whom are active in Baptist women's work. We need someone to accept the position of association Vice-President of Business and Professional Women, to find employed women, to organize them as a part of the Detroit Association Woman's Baptist Mission Society, and to challenge them to take an ever-increasing, active part in Baptist women's work. You will be the *first* Detroit Association Vice-President of Business and Professional Women. For you this office will be like receiving a blank piece of paper on which you may write what you wish. The task will not be an easy one. It will, however, be rewarding.

"The members of the nominating committee believe that if you accept this office you will do your best to build business and professional women's work in Detroit. With God's guidance, which we know you will seek, you will write his message on your blank piece of paper.

"Will you accept the office of Vice-President of Business and Professional Women for the Detroit Association Woman's Baptist Mission Society?"

If in the Detroit Association the business and professional women's work has progressed more rapidly than in some other areas, it is due in large measure to that challenge—**"to write God's message on an otherwise blank page."**

Even as the challenge given by the nominating committee was the first basis for success in the Detroit business and professional women's work, so was the advice given by some Detroit Baptist women the second basis for success in this work. One fact which all Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women soon learn is that the job is too big for any *one* person.

A vice-president is only a *key* woman in this work, and a key that can unlock only the main doors. The other doors must be opened by helpers—advisers and other business and professional women. My first goal was to secure as advisers women who knew denominational patterns, denominational hopes, denominational workers. To have such advisers, I believe, is a *must* for any Vice-President of Business and Professional Women. My advisers were invaluable to me. Without them I would have accomplished little or nothing. I regret that it is impossible for me to list here all the members of the Detroit Woman's Baptist Mission Society who have given counseling and time to our business and professional women's work. However, the counseling and help of all our advisers made it possible for business and professional women's work to grow.

The longer I work to develop the Business and Professional Women's Division of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, the more convinced I am that the future of this division's work depends largely upon the willingness and the sincere desire on the part of the officers of the Woman's Society to help in the building of this division. In Detroit, much of the success we have had can be attributed to those officers of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society who cooperated whole-heartedly in the building of this division; with cooperation from a greater number some of the failures could have been avoided.

The first scheduled meeting of the Detroit Baptist Business and Professional Women's Division of the Detroit Woman's Baptist Mission Society is an example of the cooperative efforts that went into our work in Detroit. One of our denominational leaders opened her beautiful home for our first dinner meeting. Through the help of another denominational leader, we were able to secure as speaker for this meeting, Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge who was at that time the President of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

If one used the *number* of interested business and professional women present at that first meeting, or even the number of interested association officers and local presidents present, as a criterion for judging that first meeting, it would have been termed a failure. *Sixty* invitations were sent to *thirty* churches and yet there were present only twenty-nine—nine of whom came from my own church, while 50 per cent of the remaining twenty were officers of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. *However,* judged in terms of the enthusiasm aroused in the women present—the enthusiasm which they exhibited then and later as they went out to bring more business and professional women into active leadership for Christ—the meeting was a tremendous success. For example, one professional woman who came to that meeting mainly "to oblige" returned to her church and within *very few weeks* organized a circle of business and professional women. Her group began with *six* members and today has a membership of *fifty.* Well do we know that had it not been for the interested and helpful presence of association, state, and national officers, at that first meeting, the Detroit story could never have been told.

It is now our hope and prayer that many leaders in business and professional women's work and many officers of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society will read this account and will *work together* to build the Business and Professional Women's Division within their Woman's Societies.

Shortly after this introductory meeting, notes were sent to about thirty Detroit Baptist business and professional women. Concentrating always on the positive, I was delighted to have three come to this second meeting! Four of us acted as a nominating committee and prepared a slate!

(The Detroit Story is to be continued in the fall issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, Volume III, No. 3, October, 1959.)

"The Detroit Story" was written by Miss Golda Morford, national Vice-President of Business and Professional Women, at the request of American Baptist employed women, across the American Baptist Convention, who view with respect and admiration the work being done by Detroit American Baptist Business and Professional Women.—Ed.

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: Marion Manogg (Mrs. Robert Manogg)
National Fellowship Guild Counselor
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 13121 Wales, Huntington Woods, Michigan

Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Fellowship Guild Counselors

Let each Fellowship Guild Counselor refer *first* to the Leader's Guide published in the March, 1958 issue of The American Baptist Woman, Volume II, No. 2. From this guide select a number of goals to be achieved by you personally. Choose several items for which you feel your Guild needs help. Certain goals which should be before *all of us all of the time* follow:

I. Assist the girls to:

1. Adopt the 1959-1960 "Guild Goals."
2. Use the Program Kits for their age groups. These Program Kits are based on the four areas of emphases of Guild work: Christian Personality Development; Christian Home; Skills and Vocations; and Missionary World Outreach.
3. Work on the Program of Degrees.
4. Complete the White Cross quotas and send them on time.

II. Encourage the girls to:

1. Attend state and national Guild house parties, association or district rallies, state B.Y.F. conventions, and so forth.
2. Help finance their own program through dues or personal contributions. (Part should go for state and association dues.)
3. Use their Love Gift boxes.
4. Participate in all B.Y.F. activities, including Sunday morning and Sunday evening meetings.
5. Take part in Guild Reading Program.

III. See that the chairman of your chapter becomes an active member of her age B.Y.F. cabinet. (See Chapter III in the "Guild Guide.")

IV. Serve . . .

1. On the committee on youth work of the church Board of Christian Education, if invited.
2. As a counselor, if there is more than one Guild chapter in your church.

V. Train and assist counselors of other chapters in the church.

VI. Prepare . . .

1. An accurate record of all activities.
2. Annual report for the association Fellowship Guild Counselor and send *before* the deadline.
3. White Cross report forms completely filled out as directed when quotas have been mailed.
4. An up-to-date workbook.

The 1959 National Guild House Party

"All Aboard! We Are Off!" These shouts will come from girls and women who will board a chartered bus and will leave West Virginia for the National Women's Conference and the Guild House Party at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

At Green Lake, excitement will reign as buses and cars arrive with girls and counselors from other states. And there is plenty reason for excitement! This 1959 Guild House Party is the *tenth* annual Guild House Party at Green Lake. A birthday is being celebrated! When? July 11-18, 1959. Where? Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Two leaders who played a prominent role in our first house party will be with us. **Miss Elsie P. Kappen,** of New York, is the Vesper leader. Miss Kappen was the national director of World Outreach and Fellowship Guild at that time. House parties are the outcome of a dream of hers. **Mrs. Frank Wigginton,** of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will lead us during the Bible hour and will also teach a class on "Baptist Beliefs." Mrs. Wigginton, an active Baptist laywoman, is a former chairman of the board of managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

Many special features have been planned. Take advantage of this opportunity to renew old acquaintances, to make new friends, to be inspired, to study and to discuss problems of Guild, and above all "to have that closer walk with God." Make plans now to attend this tenth birthday celebration.

Yes, excitement will reign! We covet for you and your girls this opportunity to attend the tenth annual national Guild House Party and to take part of it back to your local Guild chapters and to share it with others.

House Party Slides

Many of you have been to national Guild house parties and have taken pictures for slides. We would like to have some of these slides to use at our tenth house party in July.

Will you please have a copy of each of your best slides made and will you send them to me as soon as possible? It takes time to assemble the story we want to tell; therefore, the sooner you send slides to me the better.

Be sure to give us the story which goes with the picture and the names of those in the pictures.

Alma Noble Scholarship Grows

In the last issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, Volume III, No. 1, Winter, 1959, I told you about the decision made at the 1958 Guild House Party to build up the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund. It was suggested that each chapter contribute *at least* one dollar annually so that the hoped for amount might be reached. As of December 31, 1957, there was $4,231.50 in the fund. During 1958 the receipts increased the fund to $4,532.11. This indicates that the sum of $300.61 was added during 1958. One scholarship, amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars, was awarded for 1958-1959. The principal on December 31, 1958, was $4,382.11. In January, 1958, the sum of $122.73 was added, making the total on January 31, 1958, $4,504.84. Our goal, remember, is $7,500. Must we not work harder and faster to make it a reality?

Many inquiries have been received asking about this scholarship fund: **What is it? How was it started? Who is eligible to benefit by it?** When the scholarship fund was established a brochure, telling the story, was sent primarily to Guild alumnae. Changes have taken place in the fund and a new brochure will be released soon.

The scribe of the Trimmer Guild of Schenectady, New York, included this statement with the Guild's contribution: "There is a feeling of great joy among the girls who have contributed." Many others, we believe, feel this same satisfaction when they make their contributions to the Guild's Alma Noble Scholarship Fund.

Progress

Last summer, Mrs. Philip Curtis, of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, Miss Dorothy Bucklin, of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Mrs. Archie T. Brownell, chairman of White Cross of the National Council of American Baptist Women, Miss Marjorie Wilson, and I met to discover better ways of handling the Guild White Cross work. Much discussion brought about several changes.

Local Guild Counselors will continue to receive their quotas from their *association Guild Counselors* who, in turn, will receive the association quota from the state Guild Counselor.

New forms, you will note, are being used. Guard these forms carefully for they serve also as your report blanks.

The overseas form will contain the name and field of the missionary, the number of items needed, a description of the items, the number sent, and the cost. There is a space for the total cost of supplies, materials, and so forth, the amount spent on postage, and the amount—at thirty-five cents per pound—which is to be sent to the state counselor or someone whom she designates. When the quota is ready send it, also, to the state counselor or the designated person.

Do not send overseas quota directly to missionaries. Do not send overseas quota to New York. Send it to the state counselor or to the person she has designated.

Why this change in *overseas* White Cross for Guild? There are three very good reasons:

1. It eliminates the handling in New York of many hundreds of small packages.

2. It reduces the costly handling of many small checks, money orders, and so forth, which will help greatly in the New York office.

3. It gives the state counselor, or the person designated by her, an opportunity to check the work of the girls and to correct any mistakes which may have been made. (This method has worked very successfully in Michigan.) Carelessly made bandages must be replaced with carefully made ones; inaccurate quotas must be corrected, there must neither be one more nor one less item than the number requested.

The bottom of the quota sheet will show the name and address of the person in *your* state to whom the quota should be sent. There should, therefore, be no confusion. That person in *your* state will be responsible for repacking, in larger containers, *overseas* quotas and sending to New York. She will send one check to cover the total amount needed at the rate of thirty-five cents per pound. She will know that all quotas have been filled as requested and that enough money was sent for the poundage.

With your 1959-1960 quota you will receive a sheet of directions. Plan to have your White Cross work periods early in the year, in order that you may send quotas as quickly as possible.

Overland quotas will continue to be sent as heretofore; sending as promptly as possible and returning the blank, filled out, to your *association* Guild Counselor. If you have any questions ask the person who sent your quota to you.

This plan may sound somewhat involved, but for the local and association Counselors there is very little change. Read directions carefully and eliminate all confusion.

Letters from the missionaries continue to remind us how very important is each small item, and how much help is given to them in spreading the gospel of Christ throughout the world by these items prepared so carefully for them.

New Play Available

"In Shining White" is a play written by Elizabeth Baker Stevens, of Rochester, New York. Permission has been very graciously granted us to use this dramatization with tableau.

The setting for "In Shining White" is the living room of Aunt Edith's home. Joanne is a typical American school girl. Joanne, in a conversation with Aunt Edith, discovers much about missions. A narrator introduces several of our missionaries through the tableaux. This play is practical for any Guild chapter.

Order your copy from Miss Marjorie Wilson, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Single copy free; five copies, $1.75; complete kit, with script for each character, $2.50.

Guild Stationery

Guild stationery may be ordered from your nearest American Baptist bookstore. Note paper, 75 cents a box; letter size, $1.00. Tell your girls about our Guild stationery.

To the Recording Secretaries

From: Louise Reagan
(Mrs. William L. Reagan)
National Recording Secretary
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 4140 Rivercrest Drive, Salem, Oregon

Dear Secretaries:

This is my first opportunity to share some written words with you through the pages of The American Baptist Woman. And that's pretty much what our job is, "writing words," isn't it? Recording the minutes of two national board meetings has convinced me of this!

Some secretaries are, like your national secretary, newly elected, others are entering their second, third, or possibly fourth year, of office. But all, I believe, will consider this a very opportune time to review our duties.

Minutes

"To keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the . . . Woman's Baptist Mission Society, including the meetings of the executive committee and of the board of managers." This quotation from the constitution of the National Council of American Baptist Women indicates our primary purpose.

The minutes should be simple, clear, and concise. Record facts only. Record what is done, not said. Record what is done impartially and without comment. Remember your minutes are the society's official record of all business transactions.

Correspondence

One of our secondary duties is to "carry on such correspondence as the board shall direct." *Your letter* represents your society. It may be a letter making arrangements for, or thanking a speaker; reiterating your society's stand on a legislative issue, or expressing vital interest in a community project. Whatever the reason, make your letter a worthy witness to the charm and concern of Baptist women.

Here's my favorite poem on the subject: [1]

Write your letter somewhat better
Than all other things you do;
Write it neatly and discreetly,
Keep it brief, yet ample too;
Write it brightly, but politely,
Make it human through and through.

—John B. Opdycke

May I add the most difficult of all, write it promptly! For actual easy-to-follow examples of types of letter

[1] Quotation from *The Clubwoman's Manual* by Monro and Monro. Price, $4.50. Reprinted with permission of Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, New York, publisher of *The English of Commerce* in which book Mr. Opdycke's poem first appeared.

(Cut along this line)

To the Treasurers

From: Edith Mount
(Mrs. Ira C. Mount)
National Treasurer
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 80-84 233rd Street Queens Village 27, New York

Dear Fellow Treasurers:

A lady who recently died left one thousand dollars "to each of my cousins, irrespective of the remoteness of the relationship." That started things going nicely! More than two thousand cousins showed up!

A New England woman left a fund for a watering trough to be used "for both humans and animals." A group tried to break the will, but to no avail.

A man named Joseph Taylor was overtaken by a storm. He survived—as did a few million others—and he was so pleased that he left an endowment for the preaching of a sermon to commemorate the event. So, each year, a puzzled congregation hears a minister describe in harrowing detail how Joe Taylor survived some bad weather back in 1703.

Where There's a Will . . .

People like to leave a mark on the world. Often whimsical conditions are placed on the spending of funds bequeathed. Some leave large amounts to hospitals and universities. Others leave smaller sums for the homeless, for the aged and for the physically and mentally handicapped—worthy causes all.

Financial reports tell us that some 52 per cent of invested funds are held by women. What a service Baptist women could render if they would remember the National Council of American Baptist Women in their wills! What a satisfaction to know that they would be endowing work to which they had given years of devoted service!

Our Financial Set-Up

The yearly budget of the National Council of American Baptist Women is less than fifty thousand dollars. This amount covers all the promotional activity for one-half million Baptist women, salaries for our small staff (administrative secretary, administrative assistant, and an office secretary), the maintenance of the Council's office, expenses for board meetings, and the Council's program. A sister group of another denomination with about the same number of constituents has a budget of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars!

True, over a half million dollars is given by the women of our denomination yearly as a Love Gift offering, but that offering is held inviolate and never used for the Council's program. The Love Gift offering becomes a part of the Unified Budget in helping to carry on the missionary program of our denomination.

(Continuation of Treasurer's Column)

For Your Information

Should you desire to help to provide for our future work, we are printing below the form of bequest which should be followed. Since we are an agency of the American Baptist Convention, rather than an incorporated society, bequests are made to the National Council of American Baptist Women of the American Baptist Convention and designated for the work of the Council.

Form of Bequest
to the
National Council of American Baptist Women

I give and bequeath to the National Council of American Baptist Women of the American Baptist Convention, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, to be applied to the work of the National Council of American Baptist Women, the sum of .....,..dollars (or describe other personal property).

Important: The drawing up of a will should always be supervised by a lawyer to assure the fulfillment of the maker's intentions.

A Word of Appreciation

The term of office for many local, association, and state treasurers will end before a treasurer's column appears again in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Since my own term as your national treasurer also terminates at the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 4, 1959, I wish to express my appreciation for your dedicated service and efficient cooperation. Working with you has given me great joy.

Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Treasurers

I. Have an accurate knowledge of your society's funds and be able to explain the purposes for which they are set up.

II. Keep the smallest possible working balance in your treasury. The money was contributed for the purpose of advancing the kingdom of God on earth.

III. Encourage each member to pledge an annual amount to the society, unless your society is one of those included in the unified budget of your own church.

IV. Encourage every woman to contribute regularly to the current and benevolent budget of her church and to the special offerings of the Convention.

V. Discourage money-making projects: such as, bazaars, sales, and so forth, with their attendant solicitation of free merchandise from business firms in the area. Such practices weaken the testimony of the Christian church and should be avoided.

VI. Encourage women to have the foresight and faith to make a Christian will, thus making provision for the continuance of their Christian interest.

(Continuation of Recording Secretary's Column)

writing, consult *The Clubwoman's Manual* from which the Mr. Opdycke's poem was taken.

Information

Are you wondering how you'll keep up-to-date with the duties of your office? You will receive information from:

1. The Recording Secretary who is your counterpart: either the association, state, or national secretary.
2. The officers and chairmen associated with you.
3. The national Recording Secretary through THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

For more detailed information on the duties of the Recording Secretary, refer to the Leader's Guide published in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, Volume II, No. 2, March, 1958. If this section on the Leader's Guide is not already in your workbook, the complete set of Leader's Guides may be purchased from your nearest American Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
SPECIAL LUNCHEON FOR SECRETARIES
WOMAN'S DAY, JUNE 4, 1959
DES MOINES, IOWA

We'll have an opoprtunity to become acquainted, as well as to discuss mutual secretarial problems. Your ideas are solicited; your presence will be welcomed.

Since accommodations are limited, make your reservation, without delay, through your local president.

Don't forget there also will be daily conference periods for secretaries during the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 11-18, 1959.

Evaluation of Last Year's Goals

→Did you keep the secretary's workbook up-to-date and orderly by use of sub-division index guides? Was a neatly indexed workbook passed on to you? The one I received was in excellent order. It is a real joy.

→Do you have a general file for correspondence and other papers kept for record purposes? This may be cleared out yearly, retaining only pertinent papers and permanent records.

→Did you seek increased knowledge by attending association, state, and national meetings? The over-all picture of our women's work helps each of us to serve more effectively.

Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Recording Secretaries

I. Furnish your president with a copy of the minutes (preferably typed) for her easy reference, within two weeks following the meeting.

II. Conduct correspondence promptly and graciously.

III. Actively promote the work of your Woman's Society.

From: Faith Bailey (Mrs. Ernest B. Bailey)

National Chairman of Publicity

National Council of American Baptist Women

Home Address: 725 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, New York

To the Chairmen of Publicity:

Here's a hint on making your job easier. Separate it into two categories: external publicity; internal publicity.

What Is Internal Publicity?

Internal publicity is "family talk." It's telling your own folk about what is going on. *You* are the chairman of Publicity in your Woman's Society. So your "family" is your church (more specifically, the women in the church). Internal publicity is getting the word to the family about monthly meetings and special projects.

If you are the association chairman of Publicity, your family widens. Think of "your family" as the women's societies of the churches in your association.

If you are the state chairman of Publicity, your family widens and widens. Think then of the women's societies of the churches in the associations.

Internal publicity means calendar notices of meetings, posters for the foyer, telephone calls, a public announcement now and then, maybe a mimeographed flyer.

What Is External Publicity?

External publicity is telling the outside world what your special family is doing. And the world is told through radio, newspapers, store and streetcar posters, and so on. Generally, the world is your own backyard—the people who read your local newspaper, browse in your neighborhood stores, or wash the dishes as they listen to the local disc jockey's patter. The "world" is anybody at all who isn't now a member of your "family."

External publicity is all too often overlooked. It confuses you because you sense it needs different techniques. It may even frighten you. But it should not. For external publicity you use different techniques: news releases, radio spots, feature articles, professionally-produced posters. For external publicity, you set your mind differently. You don't use attitudes or phrases that are purely "family talk." When you mention house parties, you explain briefly the purpose and format.

Here's an Example of Internal Publicity

For you, chairmen of Publicity, internal publicity also means telling your family about the doings of the larger family to which it belongs—the National Council of American Baptist Women.

This season of the year, two items are added to your job: they are, publicizing (internally, in your own society) the National Women's Conference and Woman's Day. For your convenience, here are two brief bulletins. Use them *as is* in your church calendar or newsletter. Or re-write them to make them chatty and more personal. But be sure to get the facts to your women as soon as possible.

A man and woman who have long been concerned with cooperation among churches of the world will be two of the leaders at the 1959 National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Dr. Robert Handy, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, and Miss Helen Brogden Turnbull, of the staff of United Church Women, New York, will lead the July 11-18 conference in considering the nature of the church and women's place in the life of the church.

Dr. Handy's lectures will include material from his forthcoming book on the church, to be used in Jubilee Advance Schools of Evangelism in 1960. Dr. Handy is director of studies and association professor of church history at Union Theological Seminary. He also serves on the commission of faith and order for the World Council of Churches.

Miss Turnbull is the newly-appointed director of leadership and field outreach for United Church Women. Formerly she was associate secretary of the department on cooperation of men and women in church and society, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

Woman's day, co-educational for the first time in its history, is scheduled to be held in one of the largest auditoriums in the world, Des Moines Veterans Memorial Auditorium, June 4, 1959.

Costing more than five million dollars and officially opened three years ago, the fully air-conditioned auditorium, according to advance word from Des Moines, is "one of the most modern and functional buildings of its kind to be found anywhere." It is within easy walking distance of the city's best hotels.

Woman's Day will feature Miss Pearl Rosser, new president of the Baptist Missionary Training School, as morning speaker, division luncheons, and a Christian Higher Education Convocation in the afternoon, with a nationally known educator and a panel on "Freedom of Conscience versus Conformity."

Emphases (Goals) for 1959-1960

For Chairmen of Publicity

I. Outline your responsibilities, separating them into internal and external publicity. Consider finding a co-chairman to specialize in one or the other.

II. Read *Crisis in Communications* by Malcolm Boyd. It will convince you that this job is important.

III. Attend one workshop on publicity, sponsored now in many areas by local newspapers, radio stations or adult education groups.

IV. Use publicity to intrigue the non-active woman: ask an artistic woman to design a poster for you; a writer to give you a feature story.